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HISTORY

The RDCA Umpires' Association began in 1955 under the founding Presidency of Reg. Johnston who saw the need to create a group of independent adjudicators for the higher grade matches of the Association and interest in playing cricket was growing at a rapid rate.

Being an umpire was, and is, seen as a natural progression for players wanting to retain their involvement in the game while placing less stress on their aging bodies.

Over the years many of the umpires' panel members have demonstrated their love of and commitment to the game by significantly contributing to the RDCA in administrative and management areas.

For service to the RDCA, members have seen fit to award Life Membership to the following past and present members of the RDCA Umpires' Association and we acknowledge them for their selfless contributions to the current standing of your Association:

Bob Bissett (dec)
Ken Dunham (dec)*
Reg. Johnston (dec)
Stuart Newey*
Alan Reidy (dec)

Alan Bonnett (dec)
Tony Gawne
Harold Matthews (dec)
Steve Pascoe, OAM *
Don Smith*

Josh Brown
Ron Ellis (dec)*
Pat Meehan
Charlie Puddyphatt (dec)
John Springett (dec)*

*The Umpires' Association has also seen fit to bestow separate Life Membership recognition to these past and present members, and to Paul Denton, John Fearnley and Martein Pruyzers, specifically for their services to RDCA umpiring.

The dedication of our panel members is appreciated by all who seek independent management of match situations and we continually strive to improve our knowledge of the Laws and local Rules as well as match management skills to contribute to cricket matches free from any undesirable aspects. Rarely are we unsuccessful.

If you are reading this manual then it is likely that you are a registered Umpire in the RDCA competition.

On behalf of the Board of Management, and its respective competition committees, please accept our thanks to you for participating in this role.

If you are not a registered umpire and are still reading this manual then please consider becoming an umpire. Ask the owner of this manual to provide more information or contact one of the committee whose name appears on the front cover and become a participant in your sporting community.



UMPIRES' DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BEFORE MATCH

1. Be properly prepared:
 - Maintain a thorough knowledge of the Laws of Cricket and RDCA Rules
 - Clothing as per RDCA requirements (refer RDCA Umpires' Association Rules and Guidelines **(22)**)
 - Equipment – (basic requirements) - Tape measure or like, mallet, counter, water bottle, watch, notebook & pen, bowlers' markers.
2. Check appointment details
3. Ensure attendance at ground at least 45 minutes before scheduled start
4. Greet colleague and synchronise watches
5. Check boundaries, outfield pitch surrounds for any dangerous surfaces, holes etc. and that crease markings and fielding restrictions are clear; organize rectification with home Club as necessary.
6. Pre-match discussion with both team captains re match conditions, boundaries, joint responsibilities as to player behaviour and match conduct and confirm when drinks breaks are to be taken.
7. Supervise coin toss 30 minutes prior to time of commencement of match or as dictated by conditions.
8. Erect stumps at least 20 minutes before scheduled start of match.
9. Introduce yourself to scorers and establish where they will be located.
10. Sight team lists and that they have been exchanged before play begins.
11. Advise both teams, 5 minutes before start, that umpires are taking the field and walk out together with your colleague.
12. Ask bowler his method of delivery, convey to striker, and provide "guard" to striker as requested.
13. Check readiness of striker, fielding captain, other umpire and scorers (prior to commencement or recommencement of play following drinks, tea or any other interruption).
14. At scheduled time, call "Play".

Bowler's End Umpire

1. Calls "Play" at the start of each innings, the start of each day's play, and at restart after any interval or interruption.
2. Counts the number of balls and calls "over" after 6 legitimate balls.
3. Keep fielding captain abreast of over rate at least at each interval.
4. Calls and signals to the scorers "No Balls" within his jurisdiction and all "Wides".
5. Signals to scorers all "Boundaries", "Byes" and "Leg Byes".
6. Answers appeals covering all modes of dismissal encompassing "Bowled", "Caught", "LBW", "Handled the Ball", "Hit the Ball Twice", "Obstructing the Field", "Timed Out" and "Run Out" at his end.
7. Calls and signals "Dead Ball" when applicable.
8. Checks for "Short Runs" while batsmen are running between wickets. Signals as required.
9. Gives consent to fieldsman leaving or returning to the field and determines time before permitting returning fieldsman to bowl.
10. Ensures no more than 5 fieldsmen on leg side at instant of delivery; otherwise calls "No Ball".
11. Makes decisions based on hard evidence and maintains impartiality at all times.
12. Calls for drinks to be ready 2 overs before agreed time.
13. Calls "Time" at cessation of play before intervals, interruptions of play, at end of each day's play and at the conclusion of the match.
14. Respond to any captains' enquiries.



Striker's End Umpire

1. Supports colleague by counting balls bowled (Signalling when 2 remaining in over) and, to assist with LBW decisions, indicates how far striker is standing out of his ground.
2. Calls and signals short run(s) at his end.
3. Answer appeals for "Hit wicket", "Stumped" and "Run Out" at his end.
4. Observes bowler's action for fairness of delivery (Reports any concerns to RDCA Executive)
5. Checks number of fieldsmen behind square leg at instant of delivery. Calls "No Ball" if more than 2.
6. Observes position of batsmen with regard to crossing when action indicates possible catch, over throws or illegal fielding.
7. Ensures wicket keeper does not encroach in front of stumps before taking the ball.
8. Watches for all forms of illegal play.
9. Gives utmost co-operation and assistance to colleague at all times.

AT ALL BREAKS OF PLAY

1. Ensure the match ball is in the possession of an umpire until play recommences.
2. Take note of last striker and bowler.
3. Check that score books agree at the Tea Break
4. Record time of start and termination of innings to calculate innings time for inclusion on Umpires' Match Report.

AFTER MATCH DUTIES

Day 1

1. Record last bowler and end bowled from
2. Record last facing batsman and end batting
3. Decide with other umpire who will retain the match ball(s).
4. Check that score books agree and balance.

Day 2 (At conclusion of match)

1. Check that score books balance and agree result.
2. Make notes for Umpires' Match Report Form including "Fairest and Best" and "Spirit of Cricket" voting and any matters to be advised to Association Executive for action.
3. If necessary, complete Umpires' Incident Report Form(s) and have signed off by the player or Club official. Submit all reports to Umpires' Secretary by noon on the day following completion of the match.

Within 72 hours of completion of match

1. Enter Umpires' Match Report to MyCricket system
2. View personal Captains' Reports on Umpires to obtain feedback on match performance.

RDCA rules which may require an umpire to act in some manner are indexed below and appear in following pages.

Adverse Weather	Rule 90 A
Afternoon Tea & Drinks' Breaks	Rule 85
Attendance at meetings	Rule 108
Attire – players	Rule 78
Awards – Fairest & Best / Spirit of Cricket	Rule 67
Ball	Rule 98
Code of Conduct	Rule 80
Conditions of play	Rules 83 & 84
Duties of Team captains	Rule 82
Finals' Matches	Rules 87
Grounds	Rule 99
Late Starts	Rule 89
Laws of Cricket	Rule 81
Misbehaviour	Rule 79
Penalties for Slow Over rate	Rule 86
Pitches	Rule 96
Playing Surfaces	Rule 97
Reports	Rules 45 & 107
Starting Time	Rule 92
Stumps and Material	Rule 100
Substitutes	Rule 76 (e)
Team Lists	Rule 95
Umpire of the Year – Ken Dunham Award	Rule 67 (e)
Umpires	Rules 104, 105, 109-114

RULES

45 PROTESTS, CHARGES AND REPORTS

- (a) A protest, charge or report may be lodged by any member of the RDCA Umpires' Panel, an affiliated Club (on behalf of Club members) or a member of any RDCA Committee, including the Board of Management.
- (b) Every protest, charge or report made against a result, club, team, delegate, player, office-bearer, umpire or member of any club for improper conduct or misbehaviour shall be referred to the Senior Committee Secretary and may be referred to the Investigation Officer and/or Tribunal.
- (c) Other than as detailed in item 4 below, no such protest, charge or report shall be entertained unless lodged with the Senior Committee Secretary (in writing) within 24 hours following the last day of the match giving rise to the protest, charge or report.
- (d) If the protest, charge or report does not arise out of a match, then the incident giving rise to the protest, charge or report can be lodged within five (5) days of the incident. – subject to Rule 46

67 OTHER RDCA TROPHIES

(a) Fairest and Best Awards

The following Awards will be made each year, based on votes submitted by Umpires (on a 3, 2, 1 basis) with the winner being the cricketer who polls the most number of votes in the particular grade. Players disqualified during the year (home and away games) will not be eligible for these awards. Should more than one cricketer tie on the most number of votes, a tie will be declared and an award will be made to each player.

Lindsay Trollope Shield
Bill Wilkins Cup
Stuart Newey Plate
Steve Pascoe Shield

Bill Dean Medal
Bill Wilkins Medal
Stuart Newey Medal
Steve Pascoe Medal

(b) Spirit of Cricket Trophy – Ron Ellis Trophy.

A Spirit of Cricket trophy, named the Ron Ellis Trophy, will be awarded to the team competing in the Lindsay Trollope Shield, Bill Wilkins Cup, Stuart Newey Plate and Steve Pascoe Shield competitions that averages most points per game over the home and away season. Points will be awarded by appointed professional Umpires based on parameters approved by the Senior Committee.

(c) Umpire of the Year Award – Ken Dunham Award

An Umpire of the Year Award, named the Ken Dunham Award, shall be made each year and shall be awarded to an umpire on the adjudication of the RDCAUA Umpires' Selection Panel.

76 CLASSIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(e) Persons called upon to act as “substitutes” MUST be registered players of this Association. A player acting as a substitute need not have played the required qualification games in order to act as a substitute in finals, however a player may not act as a substitute in a grade more than two consecutive grades lower than the grade in which he last played in during the current season.

78 CRICKET ATTIRE

- (a) All players must appear on the field in proper cricket attire which should be predominately white (or cream), comprising shirt with collar, pullover if worn, long trousers, white socks and cricket shoes or other predominately white sports shoes.
- Players officiating as umpires must wear proper cricket attire plus distinguishing clothing as required under Rule 113.
 - Umpires shall report players contravening this rule who shall, on a first occasion, be fined \$10.00 and, if a further breach of this rule occurs, shall be dealt with by the Senior Committee, which may impose a higher fine or penalty.
- (b) For all scheduled one day matches clubs have the option to wear their approved 20/20 attire. BOTH competing clubs must agree to compete in coloured clothing and use a brand of white ball to be nominated by the Senior Committee Secretary. BOTH clubs must inform the Senior Committee Secretary of this decision, including a request that the umpires wear coloured shirts, at least 48 hours before the commencement of play.
- (c) No player shall wear boots or shoes equipped with studs, spikes, sprigs or projections made of metal or hard plastic which could damage the surface when playing on synthetic wickets. The penalty for non-compliance with this rule shall be a fine of \$20.00 and the offending player shall not be permitted to participate in the match until this rule has been complied with.

79 MISBEHAVIOUR

- (a) During the progress of a match and in all dealings with Association Officials pertaining to RDCA, all players and officials shall behave in an orderly and seemly manner and abide by the spirit of cricket. Bad language will not be tolerated. Smoking on the playing field during the progress of a match is strictly prohibited. Alcoholic beverages must not be consumed during hours of play by players and / or match officials.

Any report made against an umpire must be lodged with the Senior Secretary (in writing) within 24 hours of the incident giving rise to the report. All reports will be referred to the Umpires' Association for investigation and resolution.

- (b) Clubs will be responsible for the behaviour of their spectators.
- (c) Where an umpire believes a player has infringed the code or conduct, the umpire shall inform the player that an incident report will be submitted. At the same time, the umpire will advise the Team Captain of the report and that any further such incidents during that match will result in the Captain being named for inability to control his players. The report will be formalised by completion of an "Incident Report Form", which is to be signed by the offending player and/or his captain and/or club representative and forwarded to the Senior Committee Secretary within 24 hours after the conclusion of the match. After consideration of the submitted report by the Senior Committee Chair and/or his nominee, the Senior Committee Secretary shall notify the player, in writing, via the Club Secretary of the outcome (naming / suspension or other action).

- (d)
- i. Any player wishing to appeal against any naming / suspension must lodge a written statement with the Senior Committee Secretary within 48 hours of notification of the penalty.
 - ii. The Tribunal shall hear the appeal at the earliest opportunity but no later than 14 days following the issue of the naming.
 - iii. Any player whose appeal against a naming / suspension is not successful shall serve an additional one match suspension to the penalty originally offered by the Senior Committee Secretary. Any suspension will be served in terms of rule 48.2.

(e) Should a player be named in the finals series, such naming shall carry over to the subsequent season.

(f) Umpires are to report all breaches of behaviour as shown in Rule 107.

(g) Senior Committee Secretary, or his nominee, will advise, within the under-mentioned guidelines, an appropriate penalty that a reported player may accept in lieu of attending a Tribunal hearing.

Audible obscenity	Naming
Disputing decision	Naming
Sledging	Naming
Alcohol consumption (player) - Report	4 weeks
(Match Official)	Discretion of RDCA Executive
Equipment abuse - Report	4 weeks
Abusive language – to any player - Report	4 weeks
Abusive language – to Umpire - Report	8 weeks
Intentional player contact - Report	12 weeks (min)
Umpire intimidation - Report	Investigation
Other misconduct - Report	Investigation

If the misconduct recurs these penalties may escalate.

Any player named during a season shall, in the first instance, be issued with a warning and, should a second instance occur during the term of the naming, be suspended from playing for two (2) matches in which his team is due to participate. Any suspension will be served according to the terms of Rule 48.2.

Note: Where the duration of a player's penalty covers either a finals match or any other game being played over 2 days on the same weekend, then each day's play missed will equal 1 week's penalty.

- (h) Any player suspended during the season shall be deemed ineligible to participate in all competitions / representative matches for the term of that suspension.
- (i) Penalties, whether automatically accepted or imposed at a hearing, shall be posted on RDCA website.

80 CODE OF CONDUCT

- (1) The following Code of Conduct has been recommended by the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU) and been adopted by the Ringwood and District Cricket Association Incorporated.
- (2) All matches shall be conducted in the true spirit of the game of cricket and club Officials, Coaches, Captains and Players are requested to follow the code
- (3) No player or official shall, during any match, whether on or off the field of play, engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket.

(4) Players shall:

- (a) Respect the umpire
- (b) Not verbally or physically abuse any umpire
- (c) Not dispute the umpire's decision nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner
- (d) When given out, move immediately from the field
- (e) Generally assist the umpire in carrying out his duties
- (f) Not indulge in "sledging" of opposition players
- (g) Not verbally or physically abuse any player or official

(5) Clubs shall place all teams under the control of a responsible person.

(6) Captains shall:

- (a) Instruct all players to avoid time wasting, incoming and outgoing batsmen are expected to pass on the field of play
- (b) Instruct bowlers to return to the start of their run-up quickly and be ready to bowl without time wasting.
- (c) Instruct all fieldsmen to move quickly between overs and whenever required to change position, i.e. field setting and changes to be undertaken without time wasting.
- (d) Ensure that players conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the traditional image of the game of cricket.

(7) No alcohol shall be consumed by players or officials during the hours of play.

(8) Players shall maintain a standard of dress consistent with RDCA Rule 78.

(9) Clubs will be responsible for the behaviour of their supporters and spectators.

(10) Players being **NAMED – See Rule 79 c**

(11) Persons registered with the Ringwood and District Cricket Association Incorporated (RDCA) who post on the RDCA website or on a club website or in social media will be subject to the rules of the RDCA. The term social media refers to any electronic medium which is used by individuals or organisations to disseminate information or opinions to one or more other individuals or organizations and encapsulates the use of websites including, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter and MySpace.

81 LAWS OF CRICKET

The Laws of Cricket as adopted and interpreted by Cricket Victoria as existing at the date of the Annual General Meeting of this Association in any year shall be observed, except as varied by the current RDCA rules including:

(a) Any law introduced as an experimental law shall be subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting or a meeting of the General Committee prior to the commencement of the season.

(b)

(1) A ball pitched off the side of the synthetic or matting wickets shall be called and signalled "No Ball" by the umpire at the bowler's end. On matting wickets a ball pitched on the centre concrete between mats or on centre or side leathers shall be called and signalled "No Ball" by either umpire.

(2) In one day matches, balls which in the umpire's opinion would pass higher than the height of the batsman's shoulder whilst standing in an upright position shall be called and signalled as a "No Ball" by the umpire at the bowler's end OR by a professional umpire at square leg.

(3) In one day matches, balls which in the umpire's opinion would pass higher than the top of the batsman's head whilst standing in an upright position shall be called and signalled as a "Wide Ball" by the umpire at the bowler's end OR by a professional umpire at square leg. Also read 81 (f) for grades without professional umpires.

(b) 81 LAWS OF CRICKET (CONT.)

- (c) Declarations of innings may be made at any stage of a match **except** when scores are tied.
- (d) The number of on-side fieldsmen shall not exceed five of whom not more than two may be behind the popping crease at the instant of the bowler's delivery. In the event of an infringement of this rule by the fielding side, the umpires shall call "No Ball".
- (e) A team shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) players.
- (f) Waist high full toss.
Where a Professional Umpire is officiating, the rule will be applied as it is listed in the Laws of Cricket (Law 42, sections 6, 7 and 8). In grades (games) without a professional umpire, ANY delivery which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is to be called a NO BALL. **NOTE!** Either umpire may make the call on such deliveries.
- (g) Adjudication of wides
In grades without professional umpires, the lines marked (for one day games) are to be used as a guideline for interpreting wides (off and leg side) in a two day game.



82 DUTIES OF TEAM CAPTAINS

Team captains should see that:

- (1) Has a good knowledge of the rules and laws of cricket and the rules of the RDCA.
- (2) Conduct of team members is exemplary.
- (3) The team displays high sportsmanship and abide by the spirit of cricket.
- (4) If playing at home that the ground is in order, flags (if required) are in the correct position, 10 metre fielding circles are marked on the ground at each end of the pitch, centred on middle stumps and stumps are in position at least 5 minutes before the start of play on each day.
No player shall be permitted to field within ten (10) metres of the strikers end stumps, except slips and gully, without protective equipment (helmets and protectors).
- (5) The team is ready to play at the scheduled time.
- (6) The safety and well-being of his team is considered in all aspects pertaining to his captaincy.
- (7) All 1st XI teams playing Premier Grade cricket must provide a scorer for the duration of the match. Non-compliance will result in a financial penalty: \$50 – first breach or \$100 for any subsequent breaches.
- (8) During play, both captains are responsible for maintaining match momentum, ensuring an acceptable average over rate of not less than 16 overs per hour and that, at the fall of wickets, outgoing / incoming batsmen cross on the ground (except when a break is called by the umpire(s)).
- (9) At the end of the match, in collaboration with the opposing Captain, agree on and complete the “Captains’ Appraisal of Professional Umpire” form, retain a copy and ensure that the original is with the Home Club for input to My Cricket in terms of Rule 94.
- (10) Before the start of play, captains will exchange list of players who may not be changed without consent of the opposing captain. These names are to be entered into the scorebook after completion of play on the first day, if it has not already been done so.
- (11) At the end of the match, complete the “Captains’ Appraisal of Professional Umpire” form.
- (12) Ensure that both scorebooks are correct at the end of each innings and at the conclusion of each day’s play. Signing the opposition’s scorebook at the conclusion of the match signifies the correctness of all names, full results and match points claimed.
- (13) Ensure that officially appointed umpires are paid their fees at the afternoon tea interval.
- (14) Welcome officials of the opposing team and the RDCA (if present) at the afternoon tea interval.
- (15) At the end of each match, ascertain from the official umpire(s) whether any matters emanating from the match will require further action.

83 (I) CONDITIONS OF PLAY – TWO DAY MATCHES

- (a)
- 1) All matches shall consist of a designated number of overs (see Rule 84) to be played on days/dates advised prior to the commencement of the season.
 - 2) On the first day of a two-day match, the number of overs to be bowled shall be 80 (70)*, unless the team batting first is dismissed with five or less overs to be bowled, when the team batting second may take the option of forfeiting the balance of the overs due to be bowled on that day. **NOTE!** A declaration is not considered as a 'dismissal' and, in such circumstances, the full amount of overs scheduled is to be bowled on that day.
- (b)
- 1) The team batting first if it is not dismissed shall have its innings compulsorily closed after the scheduled overs have been bowled.
NOTE: No reduction of overs for adverse weather. Play may continue to 7.00pm on either day to make up time lost but no over is to commence after 7.00pm.
 - 2) The team batting second shall be entitled to bat for the remaining number of scheduled overs (or to 7.00pm on the second day if adverse weather intervenes during the match) whereupon the match shall end.
- (c) Should the innings of the team batting first be completed either by dismissal or declaration prior to completion of the scheduled number of overs then the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for the remainder of the designated overs unless they declare or are dismissed. The remaining designated overs may be used for a second innings.
- (d) Where less than 25 overs have been bowled on the first day of a two day game, this game will not be regarded as having commenced for the purposes of this rule and the game will be played as a Limited Overs game on the scheduled second day of the game.
- (e) If play has not commenced two hours after the scheduled starting time (first day only), captains may agree to abandon play.
- (f) Should a bowler be unable to complete an over in any match, that over shall be completed by another bowler provided that such bowler shall not be the one who bowled the preceding over.
- (g) When BOTH competing captains agree, matches may be terminated any time after a first innings decision has been reached. A match may not be terminated early in order to achieve an outright result. Should captains not agree and the match is terminated for any reason other than outright result the team(s) responsible will be penalised \$100 and further action against the captain(s) responsible will be subject to consideration by the Senior Committee.
- (h)
- 1) In all matches, where the scheduled number of overs has been completed, the team scoring the greater number of runs in the first innings, irrespective of the number of wickets lost, shall be declared the winner.
 - 2) When the team batting second is prevented from receiving its over entitlement, the game shall be drawn, unless in the available time a decision is reached.
- (i) No player shall be permitted to field within ten (10) metres of the strikers end stumps except slips and gully in any Senior Grade match within this Association unless they wear protective equipment (helmets and protectors). Home teams will be responsible for marking full circles of ten (10) metres radius on the ground centred on the middle stumps.

83 (ii) CONDITIONS OF PLAY - LIMITED / EXTENDED OVER MATCHES

(a) Limited / extended over matches shall consist of a designated number of overs as indicated in Rule 84 and shall be single inning's games.

- i. Where time is lost before the commencement of a match, the number of overs available to each team will be reduced by 1 for every 8 minutes, or part thereof, lost. In these instances a minimum of 25 overs per side will be required to constitute a game.
- ii. Where time is lost during the first innings of a limited / extended over match, the number of overs available to each team (and bowling restrictions) will be reduced by 1 for every 4 minutes lost.
- iii. Where time is lost during the second innings of a limited / extended over match, the match will continue until either a decision is reached or to the end of the over in progress at 7.00pm whichever is the earlier.

(b) Restrictions shall apply to limited / extended over matches in all grades and these restrictions will be advised prior to the commencement of each season.

Where overs are reduced, the maximum number of overs each bowler may bowl will be reduced equitably among the minimum 5 bowlers required to complete a full innings. (Refer Rule 84 (ii) for calculation).

(c) At all times the game shall conclude when the team batting second is dismissed or declares its innings closed.

(d) In limited / extended over matches captains may agree to conclude the match once a decision is reached.

(e) Other conditions of play are as defined in Rule 83 (i) – Two Day Matches

(f) For the purpose of determining 'Wides' in Limited/Extended over games, a ball that passes the batsman down the 'Leg side' without deflection, shall be deemed wide. On the 'Off side' the ball must pass inside the extension of the painted lines as described in Rule 99.

(g) Application to play games on a Sunday or Public Holiday (in lieu of Saturday). Clubs desiring to take this option must submit an application at least 4 weeks prior to scheduled date of the game. The Senior Committee Secretary is empowered to make the decision. If approved, the game will become part of scheduled fixture and be subject to the rules that apply thereto. Approval may not be forthcoming if the proposed date of the game clashes with that of a scheduled Association representative match. Clubs requesting a change of fixture must be aware of player availability under rule 63(b). In the event that Saturday games of the same round are abandoned by the Senior Committee due to weather conditions (wet or heat) such decision will also apply to matches in that round being played on the Sunday.

84 (I) PLAYING HOURS AND OVERS ENTITLEMENTS

Key: (A) = Trollope Shield, Wilkins Cup, Newey Plate and Pascoe Shield
(B) = All other grades

		Two Day Matches (including two day finals) (see notes below)	Limited Over Matches (including limited over finals) (see notes below)	Extended Over Matches (see notes below and applies to (A) only)
1	Hours of play	(A) 1:00pm – 6:00pm (B) 1:00pm – 6:00pm	(A) 1:00pm – 6:00pm (B) 1:00pm – 6:00pm	11am until match completed or 7pm (latest)
2	Overs of play per day	(A) 80 (also check rule 83 (i) (g)) (B) 70 (also check rule 83 (i) (g))	(A) 80 (B) 70	100
3	Designated overs per match	(A) 160 (B) 140	(A) 80 (B) 70	100
4	Afternoon Tea Break (See also Rule 85)	(A) 3:20pm – 3:40pm (B) 3:20pm – 3:40pm	(A & B) After completion of first innings (20 mins)	After completion of first innings (30 mins)
5	Compulsory close Team batting first	(A) 80 overs (B) 70 overs	(A) 40 overs (B) 35 overs	50 overs
	Team batting second	(A) 160 overs (B) 140 overs	(A) 80 overs (B) 70 overs	100 overs
6	If team batting first is dismissed or declares	Balance of overs.	N/A	
7	Completion of Match	(A) & (B) - at completion of scheduled overs (also refer Rule 83 (i) (g))	(A) & (B) - when team batting second is dismissed or declares	(A) & (B) - when team batting second is dismissed or declares
8	Slow Over rate (N/A in finals)	Refer to rule 86	Refer to rule 86	Refer to rule 86
9	FOLLOW ON may be enforced	If first innings lead is 80 runs or greater.	N/A	N/A
10	Bowling restrictions (i) General	Nil	(A) – 8 overs per bowler (B) – 7 overs per bowler	10 overs per bowler
	(ii) Time lost - Before start	Nil	Reduce 1 over per bowler, in turn, for each 8 minutes lost. Refer Rule 84 (ii).	Reduce 1 over per bowler, in turn, for each 8 minutes lost. Refer Rule 84 (ii).
	- During 1st innings	Nil	Reduce 1 over per bowler in each innings for each 4 minutes lost. Apply per “overs per innings” Rule 84 (ii).	Reduce 1 over per bowler in each innings for each 4 minutes lost. Apply per “overs per innings” Rule 84 (ii).
	(iii) Under Age	Max. Overs each bowler - per afternoon U/17 - 16 overs U/19 - 20 overs - per spell U/17 – 8 overs U/19 – 10 overs Break between spells U/17 & U/19 - twice the number of overs bowled in previous spell	Max. Overs each bowler - per afternoon U/17 & U/19 (A) – 8 overs per bowler (B) – 7 overs per bowler - per spell (A) – U/17 & U/19 - 8 overs (B) – U/17 & U/19 - 7 overs Break between spells U/17 & U/19 - twice the number of overs bowled in previous spell	Max. Overs each bowler - per afternoon 10 overs per bowler - per spell U/17 – 8 overs U/19 – 10 overs Break between spells U/17 & U/19 - twice the number of overs bowled in previous spell

84 (i) PLAYING HOURS AND OVERS ENTITLEMENTS (Cont.)

PLEASE NOTE:

- (a) Where summertime (daylight saving) hours are not in operation all matches shall commence 30 minutes earlier than indicated in section 1 above (Hours of play).
- (b) This rule shall be read in conjunction with Rule 83 (Conditions of Play) and, where applicable, Rule 87 (Semi-Finals) and 88 (Grand Finals).
- (c) Extended over one day games will be played under restrictions as agreed by the Senior Committee. These will be notified in the fixture prior to the commencement of the season.
- (d) Umpires and captains are responsible for policing the bowling restrictions under point 9 of the table in rule 84 (i) above. They must report any breaches to the Senior Committee Secretary by noon on the day following the completion of the match. Penalties to apply for the breach of this rule are:
 - 1st offence – captain to be named and club fined \$50.
 - 2nd and subsequent offences – captain to be named and club fined \$100.



84 (II) REDUCTION OF OVERS CALCULATION TABLE

Calculating reduction of overs in Limited Over Matches where time is lost before start of play and during first innings:

Time Lost up to (mins)		Overs per Innings			40 Over Match (A)					35 Over Match (B)					50 Over Match (C)				
					Maximum Bowler		Per			Maximum Bowler		Per			Maximum Bowler		Per		
					1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Before	1st Inns																		
None	None	40	35	50	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	10	10	10	10	10
8	4	39	34	49	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	10	10	10	10	9
16	8	38	33	48	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	10	10	10	9	9
24	12	37	32	47	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	10	10	9	9	9
32	16	36	31	46	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	10	9	9	9	9
40	20	35	30	45	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	9	9	9	9	9
48	24	34	29	44	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	9	9	9	9	8
56	28	33	28	43	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	9	9	9	8	8
64	32	32	27	42	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	9	9	8	8	8
72	36	31	26	41	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	9	8	8	8	8
80	40	30	25	40	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	8
88	44	29	25	39	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	7
96	48	28	25	38	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	7	7
104	52	27	25	37	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	7	7	7
112	56	26	25	36	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	7	7	7	7
120	60	25	25	35	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	7	7	7
128	64			34											7	7	7	7	6
136	68			33											7	7	7	6	6
144	72			32											7	7	6	6	6
152	76			31											7	6	6	6	6
160	80			30											6	6	6	6	6
168	84			29											6	6	6	6	5
176	88			28											6	6	6	5	5
184	92			27											6	6	5	5	5
192	96			26											6	5	5	5	5
200	100			25											5	5	5	5	5
200+	100+																		

Unless a team is completely dismissed, a minimum of 25 overs per side will be required to constitute a match.

Black squares = Match abandoned.

85 AFTERNOON TEA AND DRINKS' BREAKS

- 1) In multi-day matches, should an innings terminate, or there be a suspension in play resulting from bad light or weather conditions within 15 minutes of the scheduled tea break, an adjournment will be taken immediately and, upon resumption, play shall continue under the normal playing conditions. Should the team batting have lost 9 wickets at the time scheduled for the afternoon tea break, play may continue for up to 15 minutes in an endeavour to complete the innings.
- 2) Drinks may be taken if pre-arranged before each session between captains and umpires.
- 3) Drinks shall not be taken more than once in any session of play, except as required for the health and safety of players and umpires.
- 4) The home club shall, on all days of play, provide drinks. Failure to do so shall be reported to the Association by the umpire(s), or, if there are no official umpires, by the visiting club. A fine of \$50 will be levied on the first occasion that a club fails to comply with this rule and \$100 on the second occasion.
- 5) The sharing of drinking vessels is not permitted under any circumstances. If drinking vessels are to be used they must be cleaned before any use and cleaned between subsequent uses. The home club shall supply drinking vessels for players and umpires. It is recommended that clubs use disposable cups in all matches. A fine of \$50 will be levied on the first occasion that a club fails to comply with this rule and \$100 on the second occasion.
- 6) Subsequent breaches of rules 85 (4) or 85 (5) will be dealt with by the Senior Committee.

86 PENALTIES FOR SLOW OVER RATE

(1) MINIMUM OVERS REQUIREMENT

In each innings of a match the overs bowled shall be no less than an average 16 overs and 3 balls hour. A full day's play is scheduled to be completed by no later than 6.20 pm.

(2) PENALTIES: (Applicable to Trollope Shield, Wilkins Cup, Newey Plate & Pascoe Shield only)

(i) **Bowling Side:** A penalty of 0.5 match points will be applied in the first instance each season and doubled exponentially for each subsequent instance by that team.

(ii) **Exceptions:** A penalty shall not be incurred in an innings where a side is dismissed and the adjusted batting time taken did not exceed:

- 2 Day matches – 200 minutes
- Limited Over matches – 100 minutes
- Extended over matches – 120 minutes

(iii) Allowances for On-field Delays

The allowances to the bowling side shall be actual times for injuries requiring treatment or assistance to leave the field, ball-drying or replacement, other delays unrelated to adverse conditions or time wasting and tardiness in starting or resuming play and any wilful time wasting for which the batting side is to be penalised under 86 (4).

86 Penalties For Slow Over Rate (Cont.)

(iv) Batting side: Penalty Assessment

A batting side shall be penalised at the same rate per over as in 86 (2) (i) for the number of overs relative to the amount of actual batting time wilfully wasted by it in each innings including undue time taken by an incoming batsman to reach his wicket.

(3) NOTIFICATION OF PENALTIES

Penalties will be notified to clubs by the umpires if requested on the day or upon receipt of the club copy of the Umpires' Match Report.

87 FINAL MATCHES

The "**Page - 4 Team Finals System**" will be used to decide the winner of the premiership in all grades, except the Modified Rules grades.

First semi-final	3 v 4 (Elimination final)
Second semi-final	1 v 2 (Qualifying final)
Preliminary final	Winner Elimination final v Loser Qualifying final
Grand Final	Winner Qualifying final v Winner of Preliminary final

For Modified Grades Only

Semi Final -1v4 & 2 v 3 then Grand Final winners of semi finals

SEMI- FINALS

- (a) Matches will be played on the Saturday and Sunday following the end of the home and away games.
- (b) Conditions of play will be the same as for two-day matches – refer Rule 83 (i).
- (c) The matches may be terminated any time after a first innings decision has been reached at the discretion of the losing captain.
- (d) In the event of a drawn, abandoned or tied game the team finishing higher on the premiership list at the end of the home and away matches shall proceed to the Preliminary or Grand Final as applicable.

GRAND FINAL MATCHES

- (a) Matches will be played on the weekend following the completion of the preliminary final matches. (Except Modified Grades)
- (b) Playing conditions will be the same as for two-day matches.
- (c) In the Grand Final, a tied game will result in a shared premiership.
- (d) A drawn or abandoned game will result in the premiership being awarded to the team that won the Qualifying final. (In Modified the team that finished higher on the ladder).
- (e) The matches may be terminated any time after a first innings decision has been reached at the discretion of the losing captain.

89 LATE STARTS

- (a) The team or teams responsible for unnecessary delay shall be liable for the fine of \$20.00 or as determined by the Senior Committee.
- (b) Should a team not arrive at the ground designated for a match within 30 min of the scheduled starting time on either day, then that team shall forfeit the match.

90 (A) ADVERSE WEATHER COMMITTEE

The Senior Committee will determine members of the Adverse Weather Committee.

(1) Wet Weather

This Committee shall inspect a number of grounds and if the majority of grounds are considered to be unsuitable for play on that day, a decision will be placed on the RDCA phone as early as possible, but no later than 11.00am, the number which will be shown in the Match Handbook and also advised at the Pre-season Secretaries' Meeting. A text message will also be sent to club Secretaries as early as possible.

A match having commenced, the decision to resume play shall be in the hands of Official Umpires or Team Captains, or Junior Team Managers, if official umpires are not in attendance (refer Rule 113(d).

In the event of acute thunderstorm activity in the immediate vicinity of the playing area, play is to cease immediately and all players, umpires and officials are to find safe shelter without delay.

(2) Rain

With the agreement of the Official Umpires (or the Team Captains if Official Umpires are not appointed) that the safety of players is not in jeopardy, play may commence when raining / precipitating. However, should a decision be taken to suspend play due to precipitation, play may not recommence until, in the opinion of the Umpires / Team Captains, the precipitation has completely ceased.



(3) Extreme Heat and Fire Rating Policy

FOR CONSISTENCY OF APPROACH ACROSS THE WHOLE ASSOCIATION, FORECASTS AND TEMPERATURE READINGS WILL BE BASED ON THOSE REPORTED FOR THE SCORESBY WEATHER STATION OF THE BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY.

Day of Play			
Forecast at 8.00 am			
Temperature	(Modified Rules only) 36°C or more	(Conventional Rules) 39°C or more	Not Applicable
Fire Rating	<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Code Red</i>
ACTION	All <u>Modified</u> rule fixtures automatically cancelled	All <u>Conventional</u> rule fixtures automatically cancelled	All <u>Fixtures</u> automatically cancelled
During Play			
Match Officials expected to monitor temperature at <u>start</u> and <u>each break</u> in play i.e. Drinks' Breaks and Tea Break			
CONVENTIONAL MATCH RULES	39°C or more	Less than 39°C	40°C or more
ACTION	Leave the field; monitor temperature every 15 minutes	Play may commence or resume with temperature monitored at each break	Play abandoned for the day
	If not under 39°C within 60 minutes abandon days play		
MODIFIED MATCH RULES	36°C or more	Less than 36°C	40°C or more
ACTION	Leave the field; monitor temperature every 15 minutes	Play may commence or resume with temperature monitored at each break	Play abandoned for the day
	If not under 36°C within 60 minutes abandon day's play		

Reference point for local temperature information - call 1196 (Scoresby – Bureau of Meteorology).

All interruptions to play must be recorded in scorebook including time and temperature readings

The RDCA Senior Committee retains discretion to abandon part or all competition matches on the day prior if circumstances dictate

90 (B) OTHER POLICIES

1. **Member Protection including Harassment and Discrimination Policy**

Refer to policy as stated on the RDCA website (www.rdca.com)

2. **Privacy** Refer to policy as stated on the RDCA website (www.rdca.com)

3. **Injury Code – Blood Rule**

Each team shall have in their possession a properly stocked first aid kit.

Where a player during the course of a game, suffers any injury which causes bleeding, then the umpire – or in his absence – the captain or team manager, must retire the player from the game until such time as First Aid has been administered to prevent further bleeding.

The player cannot resume playing until the bleeding has stopped or the wound has been securely covered.

Any clothing stained with blood must be replaced with clean regulation clothing before the player can resume.

A batsman who is injured and has temporarily retired as above and who is unable to return after the fall of the ninth wicket, shall be deemed to be “Retired Hurt” and the innings of the batting side shall be deemed closed.

Where an injury occurs to a batsman involved in the tenth wicket partnership a maximum of ten (10) minutes will be allowed in order for the batsman to receive First Aid and resume playing. If the batsman is unable to continue within the ten (10) minutes then he shall be deemed “Retired Hurt” and the innings shall be closed.

Where the injury occurs within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled tea break, tea shall be taken immediately with no extra time being added. If the batsman is unable to continue after the tea interval, he shall be deemed “Retired Hurt”.

There shall be no reduction in the number of overs to be bowled when time is lost because of an injury.

Where an umpire is injured, Clauses 2; 3; & 4 will apply. If the umpire cannot resume his duties, the batting side will supply an umpire until such time as the umpire is able to resume.

92 STARTING TIME TO BE RECORDED

In all matches played in this Association, the time of commencement of play on every day shall be obtained by the scorers from the Umpires and entered in the scorebooks.

95 Team Lists

- (a) In all matches, before the start of play, captains will exchange a list of players (in accordance with MyCricket listings) which may not be changed without the consent of the opposing captain. These names are to be recorded into the scorebook after completion of play on the first day, if it has not already been done so. All players must be registered to that Club prior to the commencement of the match.
- (b) This list must not differ from those names recorded in terms of Rule 82 without the consent of the opposing Captain.
- (c) Substitutes are only to be permitted in terms of laws of cricket and after advising umpires/opposing captain.
- (d) Failure to advise of substitute player prior to the entry of players in the scorebook will preclude that player from participating in that match. (A team shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) players).
- (e) At the conclusion of the match the scorebook must be signed by the captains or officials of both clubs signifying the correctness of:
 - (1) all players' names
 - (2) full results including match scores, player scores and extras
 - (3) match points claimed.

96 PITCHES

All competition matches shall be played on synthetic or matting or any other type of pitch approved by the Association.

Reporting of damage to a pitch.

A club must advise the Senior Committee, through Senior Committee Secretary, that the synthetic surface has been damaged. Such advice is to include details of the action the club plans to take. The Senior Committee Secretary will confirm whether action is acceptable and carry out inspection, if, or as, necessary.

Laying of a new/replacement pitch.

A club must advise details of the type of synthetic to be used and obtain the approval of the Senior Committee, via Senior Committee Secretary, before laying same.



97 Playing Surfaces

- (a) The matting shall not be more than six (6) feet nor less than five (5) feet three (3) inches wide and each mat shall not be less than twenty-six (26) feet long and shall be in good condition. The gap between mats at the centre of the pitch shall not exceed six (6) feet.
- (b) End leather strips of matting wickets shall be painted white and shall indicate the batting crease. On synthetic wickets the batting or popping crease shall be marked IN WHITE, four (4) feet in front of and parallel to the bowling crease. Clubs failing to have painted creases on matting or synthetic wickets shall incur a fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00).
- (c) A synthetic wicket shall not be more than nine (9) feet and not less than six (6) feet wide and not less than seventy-eight (78) feet long.
- (d) The Senior Committee may require a club whose matting or synthetic wicket is in its opinion not of the required length or in good condition, to repair or replace the wicket to the satisfaction of the Senior Committee within reasonable time.
- (e) All premier teams to have an RDCA approved super sopper present at the ground during home games. Penalty for noncompliance \$100.00

98 Ball

- (a) In all grades, each team shall provide one new leather ball (156 grams or 5 and a half ounces) to be used as the match ball when opponents are batting, purchased from the Association. A new ball may be used to commence each team's second innings of a home and away round for all grades. The balls, so provided must be approved by the professional umpires or by the Captains if no professional umpire be present. A substitute ball, in good condition, shall be made available by each team for use, in case the ball originally provided is lost or becomes unfit for further play.
- (b) Each club will use only balls of Australian manufacture and stamped "RDCA" approved. Noncompliance with this requirement will result in a fine of \$50.00 for each offence.
- (c) Each ball must be signed by the official umpires or captains, where no official umpire is in attendance, at the conclusion of the first day's play.

99 GROUNDS

All pitches and surrounds must be properly prepared for each day's play by the home team, which shall be responsible for provision of an approved playing surface, marking full circles of 10 metres on the ground and centred on each middle stump and the proper fixing of the boundary.

To assist in adjudication of wides in Limited/ Extended over games, a white line must be painted on the popping crease, 75 centimetres either side of the outside stump.

Clubs shall be responsible for setting playing boundaries and must ensure that player safety is considered at all times when setting the boundaries by taking any hazards out of the field of play (e.g. Football goalposts, drains).

Boundaries shall, where possible, be at least 60 metres distant from the centre of the pitch and shall be marked by permanent fences / defined gutters, where available, or raised markings that are readily seen from the centre wicket. Raised markings must be set no more than 10 metres apart. The boundary between markings shall be taken as a straight line. Permanent indicators are required to ensure the markings are in the same position for the duration of the match.

Umpires must be informed of the boundaries marked out prior to the commencement of play.

The batting crease shall be filled in level with the pitch and the approach to the wicket shall be sufficiently level to enable the bowler to obtain a fair run to the wicket.

Lindsay Trollope Shield, Bill Wilkins Cup, Stuart Newey Plate and Steve Pascoe Shield teams are to provide a scoreboard at home grounds of a standard which enables details to be easily read from the wicket and to be updated at least once per over. Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in a fine of \$40.00.

100 STUMPS AND MATERIAL

Stumps of the regulation sizes, in good condition, erected so as to be 28 inches in height and 9 inches in width shall be used in all matches. Fine of \$20.00 if in poor condition.

- (a) The first named team in all matches shall provide sawdust to be available in the event of inclement weather.
- (b) Sufficient materials, satisfactory to the umpire/s, to complete the match, shall be ready 20 minutes before the commencement of each day's play.
- (c) The first named team in all matches shall provide a scoreboard, chalk and at least one broom.



104 UMPIRES

Professional umpires, as available, shall be allotted to matches. Two umpires shall be appointed to stand in each Trollope Shield game. Each team shall, each match day, pay half the fees of the umpires. In case of non-payment, clubs shall be liable to the Association for any amount due to the umpires and a fine imposed. The fees payable to umpires shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting or at any meeting of the General Committee. (Refer Fixture Book for details.)

The professional umpire shall officiate at the bowler's end throughout the match, where only one is appointed to a match.

105 DUTIES AND POWERS OF PROFESSIONAL UMPIRES

(i) Upon his arrival at the appointed ground on each day of play, the professional umpire will assume sole control of the match and shall decide as to the weather or ground being unfit for play. If no professional umpire is in attendance, refer to Rule 113(d).

It is solely for the umpires together (or sole umpire if only one in attendance) to decide whether either the conditions of the ground, weather or light or exceptional circumstances mean that it would be dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place.

The professional umpire or umpires shall, but only on appeal, be the sole judges of light, weather, condition of ball, time of play and the fitness of the pitch and ground for play.

However, in the event of dangerous or unfair playing conditions, the professional umpire/s shall have the right, without appeal, to call a cessation of play. No more than two (2) appeals against the fitness of light shall be allowed in any one innings on any one day. After the second appeal the fitness of light shall be left to the umpire(s).

(ii) Umpires shall advise particulars of all boundaries to the visiting captain before the commencement of play.

(iii) At matches where an official umpire is officiating, he must compare time with the captains and advise them, at the appropriate time that play is to commence in five (5) minutes. At all other matches, captains must compare time.

107 REPORTS

- (a) Professional umpires shall submit Incident Reports to the Secretary of the Umpires' Association on a form provided by the Association. The report must reach the Umpires' Secretary no later than noon on the day following completion of the match.
- (b) Professional umpires must report any breach of the rules of misconduct of players or club officials occurring during any match at which they are officiating. Notice of intention to report shall be given to the captain or official of the offending club on the day of the occurrence. Signature(s) of the reported player(s) and/or the captain and/or an official of the reported player's club should be obtained on the form but if a signature is not available the reason should be stated on the form. Written notice by fax or email to the secretary of the reported player's club shall be sufficient notice for the purpose of this Rule 107.
- (c) Every report under paragraph (b) shall be forwarded to the Senior Committee Secretary by the Umpires' Secretary, to reach him no later than 24 hours after the completion of a match as detailed in Rule 45

107 Reports (Cont.)

- (d) Tribunal hearing will be held on the Wednesday evening following completion of the game, unless otherwise advised, (at a time and place to be advised by Senior Committee Secretary) unless the reported player elects to have his case determined without a hearing and to accept a penalty of suspension from playing as advised by Senior Committee Secretary in terms of Rule 79 (f). The Secretary of the club of the reported player must provide written advice to the Senior Committee Secretary no later than noon on the Tuesday following the completion of the match, as to whether the specified suspension will be accepted. The Board of Management and/or the Senior Committee of the RDCA may elect to have the Tribunal hear the report regardless of the reported player's decision.

PLEASE NOTE:

If the Senior Committee Secretary has not been advised as indicated above, the case will automatically be referred to the Tribunal. Unless advised otherwise, the Tribunal will meet on the Wednesday of the week following the completion of the match or matches in which the reports are made.

108 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Board of Management and / or the Senior Committee may call on any professional umpire to attend any meeting of the Association and / or its Committees.

109 UMPIRES' ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT

Professional umpires shall attire themselves in terms of Umpire Guidelines "22 – RDCAUA Uniform" viz. Navy Blue or Black trousers, white pullover and / or weather(if needed) and white footwear to be supplied by individual umpires for own use; RDCAUA umpire's shirt and Navy Blue "peaked" RDCA cap or White wide-brimmed hat provided by RDCAUA.

Umpires shall adopt the recognised code of signals and be in attendance at least 45 minutes prior to the start of play. They should possess copies of the RDCA rules and the laws of cricket, a tape measure (or like), mallet, counter, water bottle, watch, notebook & pen and bowlers' markers.

110 REMOVAL FROM UMPIRES' LIST

Any professional umpire appointed by the Umpires' Association Executive or Senior Committee may at any time be suspended or removed from the Association list by the Umpires' Executive or Senior Committee.



111 UMPIRES' CODE OF SIGNALS

Umpires must use the recognised Code of Signalling which is:

"Boundaries"	by waving the arm from side to side across the body.
"Six"	by raising both arms above the head.
"Byes"	by raising an open hand above the head.
"Leg Byes"	by touching a raised leg with the hand.
"One Short"	by bending arm upwards to touch the nearest shoulder with the tips of the fingers.
"No Ball"	by extending one arm horizontally and calling out sufficiently loud for the striker to hear to enable him to play the ball so called.
"Wide Ball"	by extending both arms horizontally.
"Dead Ball"	by crossing and re-crossing both wrists below the waist.
"Cancel Call"	by crossing arms across the chest.
"Out"	by raising the index finger above the head.

NOTE: "No Balls" and "Wides" are not counted in the over, but the "No Ball" or "Wide" AND any runs scored from them are debited against the bowler.

Should an umpire desire to notify an alteration to the scorers, he shall do so by crossing his arms across the chest. Besides signalling, the umpire shall call distinctly for the information of players

113 APPOINTMENT OF AMATEUR UMPIRES

- (a) In case of matches for which non-professional umpire/s have to be provided, such umpire/s shall be provided by the batting side unless otherwise agreed by the respective captains.
- (b) The captain of the batting side may replace an umpire from time to time and the captain of the fielding side may request replacement of an umpire at any time. Any request to change a club umpire must be complied with by the opposing captain.
- (c) A non-professional umpire shall wear suitable, distinguishing clothing acceptable to the professional umpire or in the absence of that umpire acceptable to both captains. Acceptable, suitable, distinguishing clothing is grey dust coat, coloured poncho, dark jumper or coat, coloured trousers (dark blue or black).
- (d) Where no professional umpire is in attendance, the non-professional umpires shall have all the powers and duties of professional umpires, save and except that:
 - 1. No player under the age of sixteen (16) years shall officiate unless by consent of the opposing captains.
 - 2. The captains shall be the sole judges of the fitness of the playing conditions. Should captains disagree, the match MUST start or continue - the aggrieved team having the right to obtain the opinion of one of the Saturday contacts listed in the Fixture book, who will be independent of the two competing club teams, by ringing a mobile telephone number provided in the Fixture Book. The decision of the Saturday contact will be regarded as final.
- (e) Where a professional umpire is in attendance and standing at the bowler's end and a non-professional umpire is standing at square leg, the professional umpire shall have the power to over-rule the non-professional umpire, if in the opinion of the professional umpire the non-professional umpire made an incorrect decision.

114 DUTIES OF UMPIRE AT SQUARE LEG

- (1) Umpire must wear suitable distinguishing clothing acceptable to the professional umpire or in his absence, acceptable to both captains.
- (2) Like the umpire at the bowler's end, the square leg umpire must concentrate fully on the game, remain unbiased and refrain from coaching during over changes.
- (3) Stand within 20 metres of the wicket so that the crease, which is the back edge of the marked line, can be clearly seen.
- (4) Give decisions on STUMPING, HIT WICKET, RUN OUT, SHORT RUN (watch the crease, not where the ball goes), NO BALL (if ball lands on concrete between mats or on middle or side leathers, if ball lands off the side of synthetic pitch, if wicketkeeper has gloves in front of wicket before ball reaches wicket and ensure the bowler delivers the ball legitimately).
- (5) Umpire may be called upon to assist the bowler's end umpire in his decision (if view blocked during action of a catch, if batsmen had crossed before a catch taken, if more than five fieldsmen on the leg side, if more than two fieldsmen behind square leg).
- (6) Remake the wicket when bails are off.
- (7) Alert bowler's end umpire if fieldsmen are deliberately upsetting batsman by moving or making noises while bowler is running in.
- (8) Umpire may stand at "point" for a better view, e.g. sun at back, but with the fielding captain's permission.
- (9) Umpire may be replaced if requested by fielding side captain.
- (10) Umpire should be over the age of sixteen (16)
- (11) Umpire may be a person not playing in the match, but only with the consent of both captains.

RULE 115 – MODIFIED RULES FOR DESIGNATED GRADES

- a)** The senior committee will determine the grades to which these rules apply based on team entries each season and these grades shall be known as the Modified Grades.
- b) Applying to both one (1) day and two (2) day games:**
- i. A minimum of 7 bowlers per split / (35 overs) must be used with each bowling a minimum of 2 overs each. Maximum 7 overs per bowler.
 - ii. 5 overs to be bowled at each end prior to changing ends, batsmen change ends at the end of each over except every 5th over as bowling will commence from opposite end. Umpires may change positions at the same time as the bowler.
 - iii. A team can have 13 registered players of which any combination of 11 players can bat, bowl and field.
 - iv. Each team must declare their 13 players by exchanging team sheets (in back of RDCA scorebook) listing all 13 players and indicate underage players where relevant, prior to the commencement of play.
 - v. Note Rule 84(1) for underage player bowling restrictions.
 - vi. All 13 players of a team must be entered in My Cricket and also be recorded in both scorebooks. Players not listed in the scorebook and on My Cricket will mean they are unable to count the match towards finals' qualifications.
 - vii. If a bowler commences an over that exceeds the limit of overs bowled, as specified in these guidelines, the delivery (ies) is/are to be declared null and void and a replacement bowler will re-bowl the over.
 - viii. Any ball bowled that bounces over the shoulder shall be deemed a 'no ball' in both 1 and 2 day games.
 - ix. If other players have retired the 12th and 13th players can bat, with the opposition captain's permission, until a side loses 10 wickets.
 - x. Substitute players are not allowed in the modified format.
- c) Applicable to one day games only:**
- i. Playing 70 overs – 35 each team
 - ii. Batsmen retire as soon as they make 50 runs (Not the end of the over). (RETIRED NOT OUT is scorebook entry).
 - iii. When all available players in the team have batted, RETIRED NOT OUT batsmen may return in order of retirement and bat until dismissed or until the close of the innings.
 - iv. When a batsman returns to the crease the bowling side may reuse any bowlers who have bowled without any of the original over limitations.
 - v. Any ball bowled down leg side without touching the batsman shall be called a wide. Offside wides to be judged via current pitch markings on both sides of the wicket.
 - vi. If a team is dismissed in less than 35 overs the opposition is entitled to bat a maximum of 35 overs.
 - vii. Scorers should record details when a player retires, such as the team score (treat like a fall of wicket) at that point and number of overs bowled e.g.15.3. These facts will help in determining batting partnerships.
- d) Applicable to two day games only:**
- i. Each innings (70 overs) will be split into 35 over groups i.e. after the first 35 overs of an innings there will be a tea break and the fielding side will start their batting innings.
 - ii. On 2nd day the team that batted second on day 1 will resume their innings (assuming they were not dismissed) with the 2 current not out batsman, for a further maximum of 35 overs. After the Tea break the other team will then resume their innings.

- iii. At the end of each batting session, a notation must be made in the scorebook confirming score at end of 35 overs e.g. 4/156. Not out batsman and their individual scores e.g. Smith 23* Jones 12*. **Note:** (A further notation should be made to record which end the last over was bowled from and which batsman was on strike. These details will be important on day 2 ensuring bowling commences from the correct end with the correct batsman on strike. In effect, the first innings of each team (70 overs) is split across 2 days).
- iv. If a team is dismissed prior to using its allocated 70 overs, the other team will be able to bat these overs. For example, if Team 1 is dismissed in 60 overs, Team 2 can bat for 80 overs (70 overs + 10 overs). Follow on rules will still apply as per the current 2 day rules.
- v. Points awarded for a 1st innings win, outright win etc. will be allocated according to the current points system.
- vi. In the event of rain, existing rules will apply. The team batting last must be given the opportunity to face 70 overs. If the team batting last does not face 70 overs and is not dismissed or they don't make the necessary runs, the game will be a draw.
- vii. In each section of the innings, a bowler can only bowl a maximum 7 overs per session/split. **Note:** (The rationale behind this rule is about participation and to stop teams bowling 2 or 3 bowlers in the first 35 overs and coming back on day 2 and bowling the same bowlers).
- viii. In the event that a team is dismissed within the 70 overs, the bowling restriction is removed after 35 overs have been bowled in the next batting session.
- ix. Finals will be played in this split innings format with a two week final series as follows:
 Semi Final One 1 v 4
 Semi Final Two 2 v 3 - winners to play off in the grand final.

The Home team for the grand final will be the higher ranked side at the end of the home and away series.

e) Summary of above in table format.

	1 day game	2 day game
Overs per game	70 (35 each team)	140 (70 each team)
Overs per split	35	35
Min. Bowlers per split	7	7
Min. overs per bowler/split	2	2
Max. overs per bowler/split	7*	7
Ball over the shoulder	No Ball	No Ball
Batter retires upon reaching	50	100
Retired Batsman return *	Yes	Yes
Overs per end	5	5

** When a Not Out Retired batsman returns to the crease bowling restrictions for individual bowlers are no longer applicable, however the team must still bowl the minimum number of bowlers.*



Umpire signals



DEAD-BALL
Signalled when the ball is in play or dead.



NO-BALL
Signalled when the ball is in play.



Bye & PLAY
Signalled when the ball is dead.



Boundary 4
Signalled when the ball is dead.



5 runs
Signalled when the ball is dead.
Not penalties.



WIDE
Signalled when the ball is in play or dead.



*** Out ***
Signalled when the ball is in play or dead.



SHORT-RUN/s
Signalled when the ball is dead.



Boundary 6
Signalled when the ball is dead.



5 Penalty runs to the batting side.
Signalled when the ball is dead.



Leg-bye
Signalled when the ball is dead.



LAST-HOUR
Signalled when the ball is dead.



New ball
Signalled when the ball is dead.



Revoke
Signalled when the ball is dead to cancel all previous signals.



5 Penalty runs to the fielding side.
Signalled when the ball is dead.

Umpires must signal events in the order they occurred – Penalty run signal precede all others.

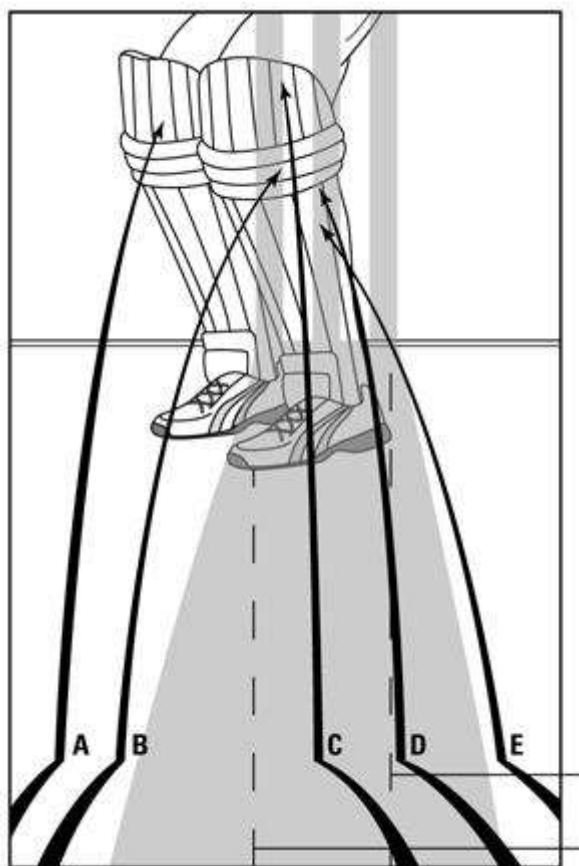
CAPITALISED signals are made first with a **CALL** for the players' benefit, then when the ball is dead the signal is repeated to the scorers.

The umpires must wait until the scorers acknowledge each separate signal before permitting play to proceed.

* If on appeal, a batsman is Not-out the umpire shall call **NOT-OUT**.

THE LBW LAW MADE SIMPLE (LAW 36)

For a batsman in a cricket match to be given out *leg before wicket* (LBW) a strict set of rules apply, to do with where the ball has struck the pitch and then hit the batsman's pad. This figure takes you through all the possibilities.



Line of leg stump

Line of off stump

A. Not out. Ball striking pad outside line of stumps. Ball would not have hit stumps.

B. Out. If the batsman did not play a shot OR if the batsman is hit in line with stumps and ball will go on to hit wicket. Ball pitched outside line of off stump.

C. Out. If the umpire feels the ball would have hit the stumps and not missed the top.

D. Out. Ball pitching on line of leg stump and would have hit the stumps.

E. Not out. Ball pitched outside line of leg stump.

Bowler breaking wicket in delivering ball

Either umpire shall call and signal No ball if, other than in an attempt to run out the non-striker under Law 42.15, the bowler breaks the wicket at any time after the ball comes into play and before he completes the stride after the delivery stride. See Appendix D. Laws 23.4(b) (viii), 23.4(b) (ix) and 10 below will apply.

GUIDELINE:

Short Pitched Bowling

To promote a consistent interpretation of Law 42 -"Dangerous Bowling - the bowling of fast short pitched balls", a guideline of a maximum of two (2) fast, short-pitched balls shall be allowed per over in 2 Day matches.

A short pitched ball is defined as a delivery that would have passed over the shoulder of a batsman standing upright at the crease

A third short-pitched ball in any over requires the umpire to adopt the procedures laid down in Law 42-7 - Dangerous and Unfair Bowling - action by the umpire.

In limited / Extended Over (One day Matches) any fast, short-pitched ball, as defined above, shall be called "No Ball" and the umpire shall implement procedures in terms of Law 42-7.

The No Ball Rule

The Laws of Cricket as adopted and interpreted by Cricket Victoria as existing at the date of the Annual General Meeting of this Association in any year shall be observed, except as varied by the current RDCA rules including:

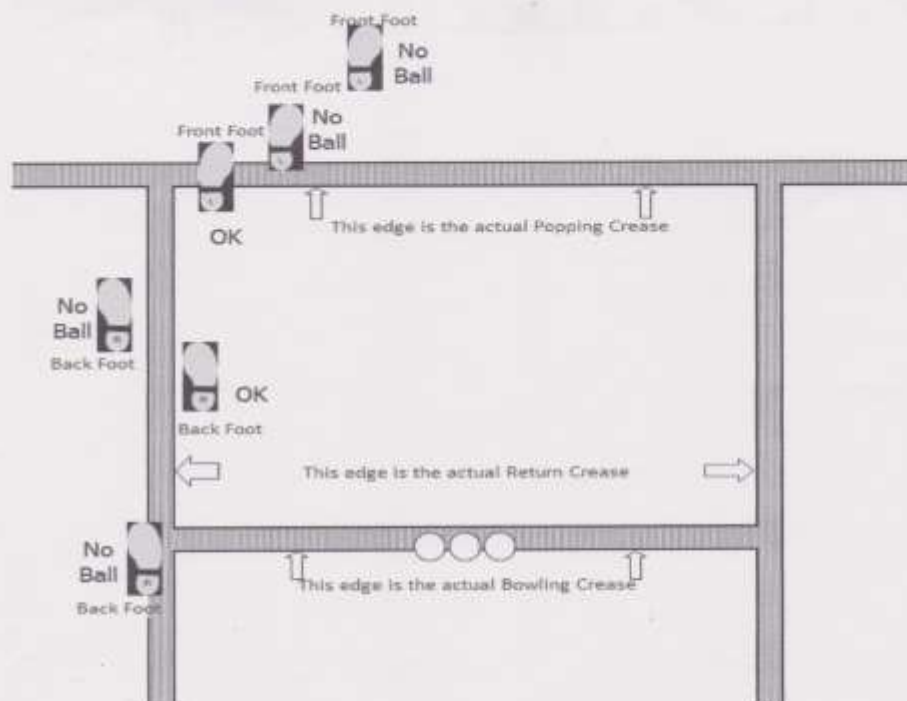
(a) In one day matches, balls which in the umpire's opinion would pass higher than the height of the batsman's shoulder whilst standing in an upright position shall be called and signalled as a "No Ball" by the umpire at the bowler's end OR by a professional umpire at square leg.

(b) Waist high full toss.

Where a Professional Umpire is officiating, the rule will be applied as it is listed in the Laws of Cricket (Law 42, sections 6, 7 and 8). In grades (games) without a professional umpire, ANY delivery which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is to be called a NO BALL.

NOTE! Either umpire may make the call on such deliveries.

No Ball Guidelines



The Umpire shall call a No Ball if:

- 1 The heel of the bowler's front foot lands on or in front of the popping crease (the back line of the batting crease). The heel can be raised as long as it is behind the line at the time of delivery.
- 2 The bowler's back foot is touching or outside the return crease
- 3 The bowler throws the ball to the striker's end before entering his delivery stride.
- 4 If the ball bounces more than twice before it reaches the batsman, or rolls along the ground towards him.
- 5 The ball stops in front of the batsman without having touched the bat.
- 6 If the wicketkeeper encroaches beyond the stumps before the ball has been struck by the batsman, or has passed the stumps, or the striker attempts a run.

Completion / Submission of Incident Report Forms

A major responsibility of officiating umpires is to oversee the conduct of match participants, spectators and officials with the view to completing a match free from any objectionable features.

When breaches of the Code of Conduct (RDCA Rule 80) and / or misbehaviour occurs, it is incumbent upon officiating umpire(s) to take action in terms of RDCA Rule 79 – Misbehaviour.

It is most important that special emphasis is placed on the procedure at Rule 79 (c) – refer Page 10 of this document.

The **Umpire's Incident Report Form** (a supply of which will be available from RDCAUA Secretary) is paramount to the success of the reporting process.

The **Umpire's Incident Report Form** must contain:

- Correct and concise details in all pertinent areas of the report
- Basic information in the "Reason for Report" section relating to the charge(s) only e.g. "Misconduct – Equipment abuse"; Misconduct – Dissent; Audible Obscenity; Abusive Language to Umpire".
- No other extraneous information should be included on this form.

A **supporting document** must be completed, and attached, quoting the Rule breached and providing a **synopsis of the facts and circumstances that initiated the report**.

Notice of the report (preferably with completed documentation but, at the very least, verbally) must reach the RDCAUA Secretary no later than 12 noon on the day following completion of the match to enable formal submission requirements to be met.

Note: It is preferable that, if all report requirements can be met, the report is submitted on the day of the incident.

AN EXAMPLE OF A COMPLETED UMPIRE'S INCIDENT REPORT FORM AND GUIDELINES TO COMPLETION OF AN "INCIDENT REPORT PROFORMA" FOLLOWS FOR INFORMATION:



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www.rdca.com

ABN 33 859 448 061

Umpires Incident Report Form*

To be used by Umpires when Reporting Players, Clubs or Officials for misdemeanors at matches.

Umpires Name:	I.M.A. JUDGE	Date	TODAY'S DATE
Grade:	TROLLOPE SHIELD		
Game:	THOSE	C.C. vs:	THESE C.C.:
Game where match played:	THESE		

Report Details

Name of Player/Official:	T. GUNN
from	THESE Cricket Club
Reason for Report:	MISCONDUCT - ABUSIVE LANGUAGE TO OPPONENT; AUDIBLE OBSCENITIES

Persons Notified

Reported Person	T. GUNN
Captain of Reported Player	A. SKIPPER
Captain of Opposing Club	B. CHAMPION
Name of witness(es) to be called if this is a Reported Player Incident	M.Y. PARTNER (UMPIRE) F. BOWLER (THOSE C.C.)

Signed (Umpire)		Date	TODAY'S DATE.
Signature(s) of person Reported and/or the captain and/or an official of the reported persons club.			
Name (Print)	T. GUNN	signature	
If signatures not available -state reason			

Notes:

1. The reported player may elect to accept a penalty as advised by the Senior Secretary in terms of Rule 79(f).
2. Club secretary must advise the Senior Secretary no later than noon of the Tuesday after completion of game as to whether the penalty is accepted or a tribunal hearing of the incident is preferred.
3. The Association may elect to have the tribunal hear the report regardless of the reported player's decision.

White Copy: - To be in the hands of the Umpires Secretary no later noon on the day following completion of match.
Green Copy: - To be in the hands of the Umpires Secretary no later noon on the day following completion of match.
Pink Copy: - To be retained by the person who signs the report to acknowledge receipt of the report.
Yellow Copy: - To be retained by the umpire.

Note: All involved persons may be required to attend a Tribunal Hearing within 14 days of this Report if the Association deems it necessary.

INCIDENT REPORT PROFORMA

PLAYER _____ OF THE _____ CRICKET CLUB
IS REPORTED FOR

1. Breaching of the RDCA Code of Conduct as defined in Senior Rule 80, in particular

- *Sub Rule 80(4)(a) Respect the umpire;*
- *Sub Rule 80(4)(b) Not verbally abuse or physically abuse any umpire;*
- *Sub Rule 80(4)(c) Not dispute the umpire's decision nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner;*
- *Sub Rule 80(4)(d) When given out, move immediately from the field;*
- *Sub Rule 80(4)(e), Generally assist the umpire in carrying out his duties;*
- *Sub Rule 80(4)(f) Not indulge in 'sledging' of opposition players; and*
- *Sub Rule 80(4) (g) Not verbally or physically abuse opposition players or officials.*

(Delete those sub-rules which don't apply to this report)

2. Breaching the Law of relating to "Player's Conduct" in the Spirit of Cricket as adopted by the Laws of cricket and the RDCA Guideline issued to all Clubs in relation to 'Players' & Captains' Responsibilities'.

3. The facts and circumstances, which give rise to this matter are as follows:

(provide a detailed summary of the facts and circumstances in relation to the Incident Report lodged - remember those reading this summary were not present so the comments should specifically relate to each reported incident)

UMPIRE'S NAME: _____ SIGNED: _____

DATE: ____/____/201____

As a trial for season 2016 – 17 and for **Trollope Shield and Wilkins Cup Matches only**, penalty runs will be applied for any breaches of the Laws of Cricket, as indicated below:

IMPOSING FIVE PENALTY RUNS

Offence	Law No	Final Warning	Action	Report
Player returning without permission	2.6		Ball is dead 5 run penalty Ball re-bowled	Player & Captain
Deliberate short run	18.5	When ball is dead, first and final warning. No runs. Send batsmen back	When ball is dead, No runs send back 5 penalty runs	Player(s) & Captain
Illegal fielding	41.2		Ball is dead 5 run penalty Ball to be re-bowled	Player and Captain
Ball hits fielder's helmet placed behind the wicketkeeper	41.3		Ball is dead 5 run penalty	
Ball tampering	42.3	First and final warning. Change the ball 5 run penalty	Any further instance in the innings Change ball Captain to remove the bowler 5 run penalty	Player(s) & Captain
Deliberate distraction of the striker	42.4	Call and signal dead ball First and final warning No dismissal Ball to be re-bowled	Call and signal dead ball No dismissal 5 run penalty Ball to be re-bowled	Player(s) & Captain
Deliberate distraction or obstruction of the batsman	42.5		Call and signal dead ball No dismissal 5 run penalty Ball to be re-bowled Batsmen decide who faces	Player(s) & Captain
Time wasting by fielders	42.9	Call dead ball or when the ball is dead, first and final warning	Call dead ball or when ball is dead Either 5 run penalty (if between overs) or captain to remove bowler (if during the over)	Team & Captain
Time wasting by batsman	42.10	When ball is dead, first and final warning	Any further instance during the innings, when ball is dead, 5 run penalty	Player(s) or team & Captain
Fielders damaging the pitch	42.13	When ball is dead, first and final warning	Any further instance during the innings, when ball is dead, 5 run penalty	Player(s) & Captain
Batsman damaging the pitch	42.14	When ball is dead, first and final warning Inform each incoming batsman	Any further instance during the innings, when ball is dead, No runs, send back 5 run penalty	Player(s) & Captain
Batsmen stealing a run	42.16		Call and signal dead ball as soon as the batsmen cross in any attempt Send back 5 run penalty	Player(s) & Captain

MAJOR RULE CHANGES FOR 2016/17

The RDCA Constitution and RDCA Senior Playing Rules will be separate documents.

Rule 69 – Added sentence

If day 2 of a round is abandoned, for any reason by the senior committee, results achieved on day 1 are still valid. Only those games where no result has been achieved are declared a draw.

Rule 76 (c) – Added sentence

The Modified grades Grand Final equates to Preliminary final in higher grades. Meaning that a player can play in a modified grade Grand Final and a higher grade Grand Final.

Rule 79 (f) – Added line – New Penalty

Alcohol consumption (Match Official)
Executive

Discretion of RDCA

Rule 82 – Team Captain Responsibilities

During play, both captains are responsible for maintaining match momentum, ensuring an acceptable average over rate of not less than 16 overs per hour and that, at the fall of wickets, outgoing / incoming batsmen cross on the ground (except when a break in play is called by the umpire(s)).

Rule 86 Penalties for Slow Over Rates (2) Penalties

- (i) Bowling Side: A penalty of 0.5 match points will be applied in the first instance each season and doubled exponentially for each subsequent instance by that team.
- (ii) Exceptions: A penalty shall not be incurred in an innings where a side is dismissed and the adjusted batting time taken did not exceed:
 - 2 Day matches – 200 minutes
 - Limited Over matches - 100 minutes
 - Extended Over matches – 120 minutes



MATCH START TIMES

ALL MATCHES FOR SEASON 2016/17 ARE SCHEDULED TO START AT 1.00 PM.

GROUNDS

REFER VARIOUS PAGES OF MATCH HANDBOOK

RDCA OFFICE NUMBER

SENIOR SECRETARY – 0438 195 772

Saturday contact numbers are listed on the front of the Match Handbook

UMPIRE ACCREDITATION

The Ringwood & District Cricket Association Umpires' Association fully endorses panel members involvement in the National Umpiring Accreditation Scheme which is conducted under the auspices of the Australian Cricket Board, and is responsible for the development, implementation and monitoring of umpire accreditation.

The Level 2 course has been developed to meet the training and education needs of Level 1 umpires seeking advancement. 1st year umpires registered with formal organisations such as umpiring groups or cricket associations and Level 2 umpires wishing to update.

It aims to provide umpires officiating at all levels below first class with an appropriate level of competency and your Association strongly recommends completion of the course to all panel members.

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be recognised through the awarding of a certificate and ID card, and your name will be registered on the ACB and Australian Sports Commission data bases of accredited umpires.

Enquiries should be addressed to the RDCA Umpires' Adviser, Graeme Lloyd on 0439 634 310 or at lloyd@bigpond.net.au

Umpire Accreditation Renewal

New cards are issued during January and July annually. Accordingly the reaccreditation process, including sign-off, needs to be completed by 30 June or 31 December.

Please take the following steps to renew your accreditation:

- Log on to the Community Cricket website: www.communitycricket.com.au/umpire#
- Log on to the site using your email address and password (if you have not logged on to the site previously, you will need to register – follow the process on the aforementioned website).
- Navigate the courses
- Complete course 2.1 (Online component) "Representative Officiating (Already accredited umpire)". This is a free course.
- Email RDCA Umpires' Advisor (Graeme Lloyd: lloyd@bigpond.net.au) to request an Umpire Reaccreditation Form.
- Complete the Reaccreditation Form and return to Graeme Lloyd.

Your application will be assessed on the basis of your completion of Course 2.1 and recent past umpiring experience and performance.

Umpiring Fees 2016/17

\$130 each per day where two umpires stand in a match (\$150 per day if only one in attendance) to be paid at afternoon tea interval.

For Extended Overs Matches it will be \$150 and \$170 respectively.

Should an umpire be allocated to a grade which plays 70 overs per day, the fee will be \$130 per day, with payment to be shared equally between the teams.

T20 matches will attract a fee of \$60 per umpire whether or not standing alone.

PLEASE NOTE:

Where play is abandoned by the Senior Committee, there will be no payment to umpire(s).

When an umpire is required to attend the game and play does not proceed, or does not proceed beyond the scheduled tea break, 50% of the fee is payable.

Full fee is to be paid once play continues, for whatever period of time, beyond scheduled tea break.

RDCAUA Membership for Season 2016/17 - \$50 payable within 1 month of 1st appointment.



RDCA UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION (RDCAUA)

[Affiliated with the Ringwood & District Cricket Association Incorporated.]

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. OBJECTS

The objects of the RDCAUA are to develop and educate a panel of umpires for the purpose of officiating at cricket matches held under the auspices of the Ringwood & District Cricket Association Incorporated (RDCA) and bodies to which RDCA is affiliated.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Any person with an interest in the sport of cricket may apply to become a member of RDCAUA.

(i) Such person must be able to demonstrate:

- (a) A strong knowledge of the Laws of Cricket and RDCA Playing Rules as confirmed by completing an application assessment as set by the RDCAUA Executive.
- (b) Acceptance of RDCAUA ideals to promote a professional attitude and approach in the completion of umpiring duties via appropriate presentation and communication skills.
- (c) Sufficient maturity to successfully manage competitive cricket matches.

(ii) Any right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of his / her membership of RDCAUA:

- (a) Is not able to be transferred or transmitted to another person;
- (b) Terminates upon the cessation of his/her membership either by death or resignation or in terms of the following:

(iii) Subject to these Rules and the ratification of the RDCAUA Executive Committee, if the Selection Committee is of the opinion that a member has refused or neglected to comply with these Rules, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the RDCAUA, it may by resolution--

- (a) Suspend that member from membership of the RDCAUA for a specified period;
or
- (b) Expel that member from the RDCAUA

(iv) Disputes and Mediation procedures, as set out at RDCA Constitution 5, are to apply. (Read RDCAUA for "Association").

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS

An annual subscription, as established by the RDCAUA Executive and adopted at Annual General meeting or an appropriate General Meeting, shall be payable within 1 (one) month of the first match in which he/she stands each season.

Subscriptions raised will not be retained by RDCAUA and shall be passed to the Finance Manager of the RDCA as soon as practicable after receipt. Subscription monies will be utilized to offset the costs of administering the RDCAUA including provision of uniform requirements to current and new panel members.

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the RDCAUA shall be held on or before 15 April each year
- (b) The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the RDCA inclusive of report from RDCAUA, shall be made available to all members that comprised the RDCAUA during the previous season, following the RDCA Annual General Meeting held in August.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- (a) The Office Bearers of the RDCAUA, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for the ensuing year, to be known as the “Executive Committee” and comprise the Chairperson, Secretary, Selection Panel Chairman, MyCricket Manager, Recruitment Officer, Training Officer, Social Secretary, Umpires’ Mentor and Property Officer.
- (b) On the recommendation from RDCAUA, an Umpires' Advisor, appointed by RDCA Senior Operations Committee, shall act as an ex-officio member of the elected office bearers (Committee)
- (c) **Nominations** for all positions must be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary, by 15th February each year and must include the names and signatures of proposer, seconder and accepting nominee.
Should more than one nomination for any position be received, an election for that position will be held at the Annual General Meeting.
Should no previous nominations be received for a particular position, nominations will be accepted on the night of the Annual General Meeting.
Election shall be by simple majority of financial members of RDCAUA by show of hands of those attending the Annual General Meeting and, if unable to attend, submitting their vote in writing.
In the event of a casual vacancy in any office, the General committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office. The member appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.

6. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall report to RDCA Senior Operations Committee and have the following responsibilities, powers and duties:

- (a) To exercise general oversight over the operations of the RDCAUA by ensuring that all members are provided with appropriate support to assist in attaining their goals and aspirations while meeting those established on behalf of RDCAUA.
- (b) To approve applications for membership to RDCAUA.
- (c) To administer selection and appointment policies to meet the umpiring requirements of RDCA Senior (and, as necessary, Junior) competitions and appointments to Inter-Association and other representative matches as required.
- (d) To deal with any business or matter referred to it by its members, RDCA Board of Management and /or RDCA Senior Operations Committee.
- (e) Implement and maintain appropriate Induction and Training programmes to ensure that individual members have all the resources available to them to attain their optimal, performance level.
- (f) To implement a wide-ranging Reporting Structure, monitor all Reports on Umpires with the view to identifying strengths and weaknesses of individual panel members, and ensure that appropriate recognition (promotion) or remedial action (training) is implemented as necessary.

- (g) Appoint and instruct Advocate(s) to provide support to any umpire members involved in matters referred to the RDCA Investigation Committee or Appeals' Tribunal.
- (h) Uphold the integrity of RDCAUA Panel, in general and individual umpires, in particular, by monitoring any unwarranted / unofficial criticism or action, ensuring immediate remedial action is implemented and completed in a timely manner.
- (i) To deal with all business that may arise between General Meetings, subject to report to the next meeting of all umpires.
- (j) Co-opt additional personnel, as necessary, to fill any vacancy on Executive or Selection Committee occurring prior to Annual General Meeting and / or to assist with completion of any special projects identified.

7. GENERAL COMMITTEE

- (1) The General Committee shall consist of all affiliated and financial members of the RDCAUA and, unless otherwise arranged, shall only be required to meet at the Annual General Meeting and at a Pre-Season Meeting to transact business.
- (2) A Special Meeting may be called to address any specific matter requiring attention.
- (3) The Secretary of the RDCAUA, must notify each member, at least 14 days before the schedule date fixed for a General or Special Meeting of the RDCAUA, stating the place, date, time and agenda of the meeting.
- (4) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting may be conducted at the meeting. (General Meetings will always include "General Business" for matters of immediate importance).
- (5) A member intending to bring any business before a meeting may notify the Secretary of that business in writing, or by electronic transmission, at least 21 days prior to the intended meeting. The Secretary must include that business in the notice calling the next General Meeting.
- (6) A quorum for meetings of the General Committee shall consist of twelve (12) RDCAUA members.
- (7) Apart from election of office bearers, requiring a simple majority of those present, any matter requiring resolution by voting, shall require a 75% majority of financial RDCAUA members to be passed.

8. SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the General Committee shall be convened by the Secretary:

- (a) On the instruction and by direction of the RDCA Board of Management (Senior Operations Committee) or RDCAUA Executive Committee.
- (b) On receipt of a written request, signed by ten (10) affiliated and financial members of the RDCAUA panel.

9. TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

Regular seminars are to be conducted with the view to addressing all Laws of Cricket and local RDCA Rules pertaining to the conduct of a cricket match.

The seminars are to be open to all RDCAUA Panel umpires desiring to attend and any other person desiring to upgrade knowledge of Laws and Rules, with the view to assisting at RDCA Club level or entry to RDCAUA panel upon completion.

Programmes to be covered by the seminars are to be for participants to confirm ability to satisfactorily complete:

- An **Induction Programme** for novice, umpiring applicants or umpires new to the RDCA, to demonstrate ability to meet minimum accreditation and presentation requirements and confirm their suitability for inclusion on RDCAUA Panel.
- An **Advanced RDCA Umpiring Certificate** for experienced umpires to confirm a good understanding of umpiring at local level and the presentation, communication and management skills required to successfully conduct a cricket match.
- **National Umpiring Accreditation Scheme** support group to assist in attaining formal accreditation as Cricket Australia Level 2 Umpire.

10. DUTIES OF RDCAUA CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson of RDCAUA shall be appointed at the AGM with the purpose of:

- Chairing all meetings involving General Committee, Executive Committee and Selection Committee.
- Ensuring that the integrity of the RDCAUA Panel is maintained at all times with appropriate support mechanisms in place to meet members and RDCA needs.
- Monitoring the performance of other Executive Committee members to ensure that matters raised are attended to within appropriate timeframes.
- Represent RDCAUA at all meetings of RDCA Senior Operations Committee
- Appoint proxy to attend to above matters when, for reasons of simpler management or unforeseen circumstances, he / she is unable to do so.

11. DUTIES OF RDCAUA SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

- Keep minutes of all resolutions and proceedings at each General Meeting, RDCAUA Executive Meetings in the files provided for that purpose. Conduct the correspondence of the RDCAUA and carry out other duties as determined by the Executive Committee.
- Keep in his custody or under his control all records of the RDCAUA. Inspection of said books, documents and securities to be made available to members of the RDCAUA within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request, signed by six (6) members of the Association.
- Coordinate or delegate coordination of all meetings of the Executive and General Committees and support for umpires involved in Investigation or Tribunal hearings.
- Submit an annual budget for RDCAUA detailing anticipated operations expenditure to the Finance Manager
- Prior to the start of each season, review the Umpires' Manual for any changes required to Rules, Information, layout etc. and, after confirmation by RDCAUA Executive, arrange printing of sufficient copies for each member of the RDCAUA Panel.
- Prior to the start of each season, ascertain whether a sufficient supply of umpires hats, caps, shirts and Laws of Cricket books are on hand to meet the requirements of new umpires and for replacement purposes and place orders accordingly.
- Other duties as determined by the Board of Management / Senior Operations Committee.
- Monitor umpire panel members' attendances at general and training meetings for inclusion in meeting minutes and maintain record for ongoing reference purposes.
- Maintain a register of RDCAUA members including up to date contact details, accreditation standards and financial status

- Upon request, arrange for presentation(s) to Clubs to clarify Laws / RDCA Rules that may have previously caused concern via a generic presentation to Clubs on the major Laws / Rules and Match Management practices and procedures.
- Assemble a small panel of volunteers to make presentations to Clubs
- Ensuring a consistent approach by providing presenters with appropriate “script”, handouts and aids to assist the presentation
- Reporting outcomes to RDCAUA Executive.

12. DUTIES OF SELECTION PANEL CHAIRMAN

- Manage the requirements of the Selection Panel and ensure that all responsibilities are completed in a timely fashion.
- Ensure receipt of all reports on umpires (Captains, Observer, Peer, Other) are monitored and followed up as necessary.
- Review comments attached to Captains’ Reports on Umpires following completion of each match and provide written monthly reports to the RDCAUA Executive Committee identifying any recurring matters that require remedial action by way of training or clarification.

13. DUTIES OF MYCRICKET MANAGER

- Fully understand the MyCricket system and act as the first point of reference for Umpires whom may need clarification or assistance with use of the system.
- Issue individual MyCricket Identification Codes (Log-on Identification) and an initial password to each umpire / administrator on the RDCAUA panel and ensure that appropriate access levels are recorded commensurate to the information required to be input and / or obtained from the MyCricket system.
- Maintain an appropriate register of Identification Codes (Passwords) in a secure manner.
- Monitor individual umpire’s adherence to the requirements of MyCricket especially their maintenance of dates of availability for appointment to officiate at RDCA matches.
- Act as first point of reference to any emergency changes to match allocations and provide solutions as necessary.
- Ensure that established Selection Panel appointment criteria are recorded within the MyCricket system
- Utilise the MyCricket system to draft appointments of umpires to RDCA matches for confirmation by the Selection Panel and issue advice of appointments to all available members of RDCAUA Panel, ensuring those not able to receive email advice are notified by appropriate means.
- Coordinate and manage appointment of available umpires to Inter Association matches in terms of requests from Senior and Junior Operations Committees and affiliate bodies.
- Monitor all Captains’ Reports on Umpires from the MyCricket system and be responsible for raising any anomalies requiring follow-up with umpire and / or captain. (Refer same to Chairman for action as necessary).

14. DUTIES OF RDCAUA UMPIRES' ADVISOR / RDCAUA TRAINING OFFICER

The RDCAUA Umpires' Advisor shall be appointed in consultation with and confirmed by RDCA Senior Operations Committee and together with the RDCAUA Training Officer shall be responsible for:

- Ensuring an appropriate Training and Development Programme is implemented to include all current and prospective umpires on RDCAUA Panel and any other approved person desirous of improving knowledge of Laws of Cricket and local RDCA Rules.
- Assist with the identification of any technical, interpretive or practical matters, concerning umpiring performance, requiring attention on either a Group or Individual basis and implement appropriate remedial action.
- Encourage all Panel members to complete accreditation courses with the view to increasing knowledge and interpretation of Laws / Rules and the management of cricket matches.
- Act as a Point of Reference for any Panel member requiring clarification on Laws of Cricket / RDCA Rules.

15. DUTIES OF RDCAUA RECRUITMENT OFFICER

With the view to establishing an Umpiring Panel of increasing number, the RDCAUA Recruitment Officer shall be responsible for:

- Developing and implementing a Recruitment Policy that canvasses a wide range of sources for possible new recruits to the Panel.
- Ensure that new panel members complete the Induction Programme to ensure that all applicants for position on the umpiring panel demonstrate appropriate knowledge of Laws / Rules prior to appointment and are provided with guidelines on the presentation and behaviour expected of RDCAUA Panel members in their management of RDCA matches.
- Work with current Panel members to retain their services for ensuing seasons.

16. DUTIES OF RDCAUA MENTOR:

Shall be responsible for:

- Initial contact with new recruits; via 'phone and introduction at their first panel meeting.
- Acting as a contact for matters requiring explanation during training
- Contacting the umpire after each match to discuss any issues that may have arisen.
- Being available as a sounding board for any matters pertaining to the individual's umpiring responsibilities.

17. DUTIES OF THE RDCAUA PROPERTY OFFICER

The Property Officer shall be responsible for:

- Manage the collection of RDCAUA membership fees and submit to RDCA Finance Manager
- Store and monitor the distribution of RDCAUA uniform items in terms of the distribution entitlements adopted. (Refer Clause 22).

18. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee shall consist of an elected Chairman, the RDCAUA MyCricket Manager and the RDCAUA Training Officer and shall meet on a regular basis (September to March) with the view to:

- Selecting a “Prime” Panel prior to the commencement of each season and from which appointments to the top RDCA Grade will be made.
- Assessing draft appointments as prepared by RDCAUA MyCricket Manager and amending / confirming as considered appropriate.
- Instruct RDCAUA MyCricket Manager to confirm appointments to panel members in a timely manner.
- Coordinate and manage appointment of available umpires to Inter Association matches in terms of requests from Senior and Junior Operations Committees and affiliate bodies.
- Reviewing Captains’ Reports on Umpires during the season to confirm whether alteration to “Trollope” “Prime” Panel is required and / or promotion / relegation of individuals is warranted.
- Identifying any matters of performance, management, presentation requiring attention / remedial action.
- Maintain records on individual performance to assist in the assessment of “The Ken Dunham Award” for the umpire of the year and make appropriate recommendation to the Executive Committee. (Refer Appendix 1. for criteria details).

19. APPOINTMENT POLICY

The following criteria will be considered by the Selection Committee when confirming appointments to RDCA local and Inter-Association Matches:

- RDCAUA Umpiring Panel Members must satisfy RDCAUA Executive that they meet minimum standards of knowledge, attitude and presentation as assessed by past performance, completion of Induction Programme and / or accreditation (Local / Cricket Australia).
- Availability as advised by individual umpires. It is the responsibility of individuals to record availability on the MyCricket system and make alterations in a timely manner when circumstances prevent fulfillment of expected umpiring appointments. Direct telephone contact with the Selection Panel Chairman and / or the MyCricket Manager is expected for any changes to availability that arise within 1 week of appointment.
- Attention of individuals to meeting the best practice guidelines adopted by RDCAUA.
- Endeavours will be made to ensure that appointments for an individual umpire, covers an even spread of teams within a particular grade throughout the season.
- A “Prime” Panel of fourteen (14) umpires perceived to be the best performing umpires on the panel will be selected at the commencement of each season and which will be exclusively utilized for appointment to matches in the RDCA top grade. Notwithstanding initial selection, individual performance will continue to be monitored to ensure that best performing “Prime” panel is maintained through promotion / relegation as considered appropriate by selection committee.
- Those individuals not included in the “Prime” Panel will be appointed to the next lower Grade matches.

- Pairs of umpires will be appointed to stand in all of the top 2 grade matches and only those umpires comfortable with handling matches alone, will be appointed by themselves to lower grades.
- Umpires new to RDCAUA Panel will be appointed with a mentor umpire at all times, until such time as reports received indicate that they are capable of solely handling a match (should they so desire).
- Appointments to RDCA matches will, where possible, be based on most recent reports received from Captains of teams competing in matches officiated by each umpire. (Reports from other sources will be utilized for training purposes only).
- Umpires appointed to Inter-Association matches / carnivals must hold Level 2 Cricket Australia Umpiring Accreditation.

20. PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND FEEDBACK

It is expected that RDCAUA Panel members shall be perceived, by all at officiating matches, to exhibit a sound knowledge of Laws / Rules and a professional attitude to the management and conduct of matches under their control.

With the view to obtaining an overview of individual performance, reports are expected to be received from the Captains of teams competing in the “Home and Away” matches at which professional umpires officiate and, to gauge whether “best practice ideals” are being addressed, will also be sought from fellow umpires in “peer review” process and individual observers, as available.

The results of all such reports will be collated and utilized for on-going training assessment requirements, as necessary, and consideration by Selection Panel when compiling appointments to RDCA Matches.

Individual Umpires view their personal Captains’ Reports on Umpires via the MyCricket system and, should they so desire, obtain a copy of the attached comments by arrangement with the RDCAUA MyCricket Manager.

RDCAUA Panel members can expect support from RDCAUA Umpires’ Advisor and / or RDCAUA Training Officer on any matter that they, or others, may identify as requiring clarification or behavioural alteration.

21. UMPIRES’ RESPONSIBILITIES

RDCAUA Panel members encouraged to aspire to “best practice Standards” that includes:

- Act with decorum at all times while representing the RDCAUA
- Pride in appearance and personal well-being. Wearing RDCAUA supplied uniform requirements (See Uniform – Section 19)
- Personable attitude towards colleagues, players and other persons attending matches under their control, with the view to promoting a harmonious environment in which to complete a trouble free match. Work in conjunction with colleagues, Team captains, and RDCA and Club officials as required.
- Timely attendance at matches to comfortably attend to all pre-match requirements

- Ensure sound knowledge and demonstrate common sense interpretation of Laws of Cricket and the local RDCA Rules. Attend training / information meetings and complete accreditation programmes as able.
- Be aware of interaction with players / officials on and off the field utilising appropriate positioning, signaling and communication.
- Maintain concentration throughout the match to ensure that errors are minimized.
- Work as a team with any colleague standing in the same match.
- Fully consider decisions before committing and communicating clearly to players / colleague.

22. RDCAUA UNIFORM

RDCAUA Panel Members will be expected to present themselves at matches in the uniform approved and adopted by the General Committee, and is to include:

- RDCAUA Umpires' shirt to be provided free of charge to new panel members, replaced at least every 3 years free of charge to all members or otherwise purchased from stock held by RDCAUA Secretary.
- Navy Blue or Black Trousers to be supplied by individual umpires for own use.
- Navy Blue "peaked" RDCA cap or White "wide-brimmed" hat to be provided free of charge to all members. NB: Wherever practicable, umpiring "teams" officiating at the same match should wear matching headwear.
- White footwear to be supplied by individual umpires for own use.
- In the case of inclement weather, a white pull-over and / or weather jacket, supplied by individual umpires for own use, may be worn at individual's discretion.

23. LIFE MEMBERS

At the recommendation of the RDCAUA Executive Committee (defined at clause 5. herein), the RDCAUA General Committee may additionally elect, as an Honorary Life Member, any person whom has rendered special service to the RDCAUA and cricket in the RDCA in general, provided that no Life Member shall be elected except on a resolution carried by at least seventy-five percent majority of those financial members of the RDCAUA present at the Annual General Meeting of that body.

All persons elected to Honorary Life Membership of the RDCAUA will be presented with a Life Membership Medallion that will be a replica of those previously issued to aforementioned Life Members of RDCAUA.

Life Members shall have all rights and privileges of Members of the RDCAUA.

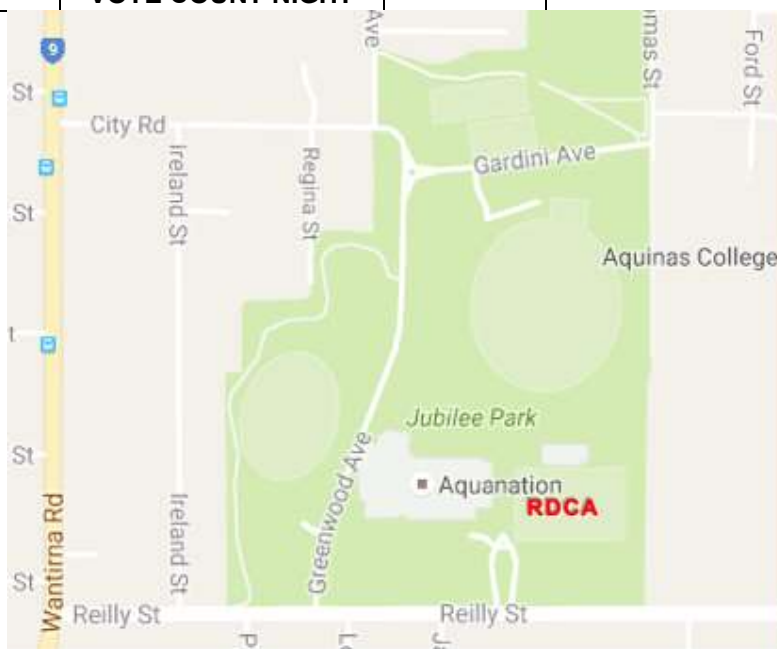
Any RDCA affiliate individual, committee or Club may nominate any person for an RDCAUA Life Membership but such nomination must be lodged in writing with RDCAUA Executive Committee prior to the 31st December in any year.

24. OTHER RULES TO APPLY

Subject to the foregoing Rules, the Constitution and Rules of the RDCA shall apply to the RDCAUA.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
MONDAY 5 SEPT 2016	EXECUTIVE MEETING	7:15PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
MONDAY 5 SEPT 2016	GENERAL MEETING	8:00PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
MONDAY 3 OCT 2016	EXECUTIVE MEETING	8:00PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
MONDAY 3 OCT 2016	GENERAL MEETING	7:15PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
WEDNESDAY 5 OCT 2016	PRE-SEASON DINNER (ALL MEMBERS INVITED)	7:00PM	VENUE TO BE ADVISED
WEDNESDAY 2 NOV 2016	EXECUTIVE MEETING	7:15PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
MONDAY 5 DEC 2016	EXECUTIVE MEETING	7:15PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
MONDAY 5 DEC 2016	GENERAL MEETING	7:15PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
MONDAY 7 DEC 2016	GENERAL MEETING	8:00PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
WEDNESDAY 7 DEC 2016	CHRISTMAS DINNER (ALL MEMBERS INVITED)	7:00PM	VENUE TO BE ADVISED
WEDNESDAY 8 FEB 2017	EXECUTIVE MEETING	7:15PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
WEDNESDAY 8 FEB 2017	GENERAL MEETING	8:00PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017	EXECUTIVE MEETING	7:15PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	8:00PM	RDCA HEADQUARTERS
FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017	RDCA SENIOR PRESENTATION & VOTE COUNT NIGHT	7:00PM	DORSET GARDENS HOTEL, DORSET RD, CROYDON



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Umpiring In the RDCUA

Beliefs, Responsibilities and Ethical Standards

The Australian Sports' Commission describes the duty of sports' officials is to act as impartial judges of sport competitions. When acting as an official, the duty carries with it an obligation to perform with accuracy, fairness and objectivity through an overriding sense of integrity.

Although the vast majority of cricket umpires work as an amateur official, it is vital every official approach each assignment in a professional manner. Because of their authority and autonomy, officials must have a high degree of commitment and expertise. Cricket Victoria (CV) believes these facts impose on its umpires, the higher ethical standard by which true professionals are judged.

By choosing to umpire in the Ringwood & District Cricket Association (RDCA) competition you have therefore inherently accepted the responsibilities that go with that commitment.

The RDCA is committed to improving all aspects of cricket in the district at all levels. Playing, coaching and officiating are all part of the one brand and the RDCA aspires to be the best in all of these areas.

Quality officiating plays a vital role in player development and in the public image of the sport. It is important that all umpires who choose to umpire with CV, be part of this commitment and aspire to do their best to enhance a positive image of Premier cricket.

Every time an umpire wears the uniform it says *'I am a representative of the Ringwood & District Cricket Association'*, and we must be seen to maintain the highest standards in everything we are seen to do.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

As umpires we are an integral part of the cricket community, working with other stakeholders to provide a positive cricket experience for all participants.

We believe:

- That every official in all RDCA competitions should demonstrate the highest standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other valued life skills.
- That every official has the opportunity to perform at the highest level at which they are capable.
- That, to achieve this, all umpires will demonstrate a commitment to their personal development.
- That all officials are committed to the six core principles of:
 - Trustworthiness – involves integrity and honesty
 - Respect – displaying sportsmanship to all participants
 - Responsibility – being accountable and prepared
 - Fairness – making sure that everyone is treated equally
 - Caring – showing compassion for every person's role
 - Sportsmanship – playing by the rules.

YOUR RIGHTS

As an official operating on behalf of the RDCA you have the right to expect that:

- Your health and safety are paramount
- You will be treated with respect and openness
- You will be appointed to a level of competition appropriate to your level of competence
- You will have access to training and self-improvement opportunities.

OUR THEME

Individual umpires who wear the RDCA uniform, will demonstrate that they are part of the collective umpiring body by:

- Following the RDCA Umpires' ***Code of Ethics***, being professional in all of their actions, having the utmost integrity and possessing an individual quest for excellence in preparation and performance.
- Being a positive part of the umpiring community, sharing and growing together for the betterment of umpiring and cricket
- Being part of the education process by which everyone can gain through the sharing of experiences, enforcing rules in a consistent manner and working to enhance the sporting experience for all.

OUR MISSION

- To provide trained and accredited umpires for all matches in each competition conducted by the RDCA.
- To provide the highest quality standard of umpiring possible, for each level of the RDCA, by individuals who are appropriately trained and prepared.
- To be recognised as the district that produces the best umpires for the RDCA umpiring environment.

In striving to achieve this, it is expected that all umpires will have in place an individual plan by which they can demonstrate their commitment to their personal and professional development.

To achieve this and to support individuals to achieve their goals, the RDCA will:

- Establish recruitment strategies to encourage interested men and women to become umpires, to increase the body of officials available each week.
- Provide training programs that develop the individual's understanding of the Laws of Cricket, Playing Conditions for all competitions and specific technical training in best practice field craft.
- Encourage observation of the 'Spirit of Cricket', sportsmanship, fair play and ethical standards on all occasions.
- Recognise achievement and development by the promotion of individuals along a merit based pathway.

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT CRICKET UMPIRES' CODE OF ETHICS

CV is entrusted with the development of cricketers from when they enter the sport to the National and International level, for those who achieve the highest level of recognition. This process requires that umpires at all levels to be independent, impartial and responsible to the people they serve. The official is appointed to carry out the roles and responsibilities as identified by the governing body (RDCA Executive Committee, CV or Cricket Australia).

The umpire should at all times follow the directions of the governing body, especially in the area of maintaining standards.

Violation, by an umpire, of the Code of Ethics may result in sanctions by the Executive Committee.

An umpire shall:

- Place the welfare of the individual player above all other consideration.
- Maintain confidence and control at all times when in the role of the umpire.
- Devote time, thought and study to improving his understanding of the Laws, Playing Conditions and craft, to provide an effective and creditable performance in a fair and unbiased manner.
- Work with fellow umpires and the RDCA in a spirit of harmony and co-operation for the betterment of cricket.
- Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position to benefit oneself.
- Under all circumstance avoid promoting the special interest of any person or group other than the sport we serve.
- Always act in a dignified manner in all personal conduct with players, coaches, club officials, CV officials and the public, whilst acting as the official.
- Be prepared both physically and mentally, dress according to expectations and maintain a proper appearance befitting the importance of the event.
- Honour RDCA appointments, regardless of any possible inconvenience or financial loss.
- Not make public comment or statement to news media that is critical of any stakeholder in the sport.
- Not smoke in the vicinity of the playing area.
- Not present in public in an intoxicated state.
- Carry a responsibility to act in a manner becoming of a professional person. The conduct of the umpire influences the public attitude towards the sport and the umpire.

GUIDELINES FOR UMPIRES

Individual umpires must take responsibility for all of their actions and be ultimately responsible for their own progression. Whilst others may decide on your progress, it is the individual who has control over their improvement.

Set yourself up for success.

The umpire who waits for success to come their way will be passed by others who *lead change*.

As the official - *What makes you stand out?*

When an appointment for higher duties was made, ask yourself - Why was that person chosen ahead of me?

Your credibility as an official is determined by your understanding of the game and your technical ability to manage the match. The successful official demonstrates best practice, communication skills and develops a professional, working relationship with all stakeholders.

Code of Conduct for Umpires

All Ringwood & District Cricket Association umpires:

1. Shall accept responsibility for all actions taken.
2. Bear a responsibility for promoting a positive public image of CV and the sport.
3. Shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally; shall dress neatly and appropriately before, during and after an event and shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
4. Will respect the basic tenets of history, integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion and tactfulness.
5. Shall be impartial and fair in all deliberations.
6. Shall uphold the traditions, etiquette and dignity of cricket.
7. Shall master the Laws of Cricket and the mechanics to enforce the Laws in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
8. Shall display and execute superior, communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
9. Must avoid conflicts of interest both real and perceived.
10. Shall encourage inclusivity and access for all.
11. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players.
12. Shall be punctual and professional in the fulfilment of their duties.
13. Shall work with each other and the governing body in a constructive and co-operative manner.
14. Must not make false or misleading statements in regard to any matter arising from their officiating



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